

Meeting Date
Jan 10, 2017



AGENDA	
Section	New Business
Item No.	III.F.1.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Request for grant for the Veterans Memorial that is part of and adjacent to the new World Class Veterans Medical Center at Lake Nona (HQ for Viera VA Clinic). WWW.VeteransMemorialLakeNona.org
DEPT/OFFICE:	Citizen Request / Donn Weaver ((757-871-6576, JDWeaver@cfl.rr.com) Jerry Pierce (407-520-6925, Jerry@rewoonline.com)

Requested Action:

Request approval of grant for maintenance, upkeep, and operation of Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park to include creation and on going maintenance of mobile interactive biographies of names of Fallen from Brevard County and for conducting events to honor the Fallen from Brevard and to provide a place of healing for friends and families visiting the new VA Medical Center at Lake Nona.

Summary Explanation & Background:

Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, Inc and it's affiliate Central Florida Veterans, Inc. began a long, but successful effort in the year 2005 to get U.S. Congress to approve a site and funding for the creation of new World Class Veterans Medical Center to provide services for the over 300,000 veterans in Brevard, Lake, Osceola, Orange, Seminole and Volusia Counties. Veterans from Brevard are in the process of using the services of this new VAMC at Lake Nona Medical City.

In the year 2010 the same group of veterans said "we aren't done yet". We need to build a World Class Veterans Memorial Park as a focal point of the VAMC to honor the Fallen from the six counties served by the new VAMC, but also as a place of healing located adjacent to a lake and Chapel for friends and families of the Fallen, and also as a place of education as to the price of freedom that freedom is not free. **This is the only Veterans Memorial adjacent to and part of a VA Medical Center in the entire country. It is not just another memorial.** Members of the board of the foundation collectively contributed over a million dollars of their own money plus substantial in kind contributions. Board members serve without compensation.

After substantial private contributions five of the other six counties served by the new VAMC and the City of Orlando each voted unanimously to contribute also as follows:

Lake County	\$ 25,000	Seminole County	150,000
Orange County	500,000	Volusia County	25,000
Osceola County	75,000	City of Orlando	220,000

Total \$ 995,000 of county and city donations

Thank You. Central Florida Veterans Memorial Park Foundation, Inc. 501(c)3
 P.O. Box 4303, Winter Park, Florida 3279-4303
 Jerry E. Pierce, .. 407-529-6925 c

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: **A**

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes No PR

County Manager	Assistant County Manager	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager	



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January 11, 2017

MEMORANDUM

TO: Stockton Whitten, County Manager

RE: Item VI.F.1., Citizen Request by Donn Weaver and Jerry Pierce for Request of Grant for the Veterans Memorial That is Part of and Adjacent to the New World Class Veterans Medical Center at Lake Nona (HQ for Viera VA Clinic)

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on January 10, 2017, acknowledged citizen request by Donn Weaver and Jerry Pierce for request of grant for the Veterans Memorial that is part of and adjacent to the New Work Class Veterans Medical Center at Lake Nona (HQ for Viera VA Clinic), but took no formal action.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

/ds