



Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Sub-Committee

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Sub-Committee Members Present

Mayor Charles Smith, Janet Brotherton, Marjorie Gamel, Loise Haines, Mike Helfrich

Sub-Committee Members Not Present

Niki Pettit

Village Staff Present

Christopher Milliken, Urban Planning Manager; and Tana Ward, Mayoral Assistant

Mayor Smith opened the meeting at 5:30pm.

Public Participation

No public participation.

Mayor Smith provided a recap of Phase I of the Minuteman Missile Restoration Project. The ICBM Sub-Committee had recommended that the Village Board authorize and approve the Request for Proposal that was received from Crispin Auto LLC. The Village Board approved the Project in the amount of \$39,000.00, with a contingency of \$8,000.00 during the April 9, 2024 Board Meeting.

Discussion with Village Departments

Mr. Milliken reported on the restoration process, which went slightly over the projected timeline due to equipment malfunction, weather, and the extent of damage that was unknown at the time of the Proposal. The final total for the restoration went approximately \$600.00 over budget. Crispin Auto LLC opted to forfeit the additional cost.

Committee Recommendations

Mayor Smith opened up discussion of how to proceed into Phase II, which would include the beautification and light enhancements project.

Ms. Haines shared the estimate that Mayor Smith received from Jill's Signs & Engraving for a 10 x 14 Aluminum Cast Plaque, which totaled \$401.31.

Ms. Brotherton arrived at 5:43pm.

Ms. Gamel suggested that the plaque be installed on an elevated stone or platform.

Mr. Helfrich stated that it would be ideal to illuminate both the Minuteman Missile and the plaque from both sides.

Ms. Haines stated that the tree that is located next to the Minuteman Missile is an eyesore. Mr. Milliken reported that the tree species is a Swamp White Oak. Mayor Smith stated that due to the Village being a Tree City USA, it was not recommended to cut the tree down. He added that he would reach out to the Village Recreation Department, and ask them to trim it back. Ms. Brotherton stated that she would contact Deem Landscaping to inquire about them transplanting the tree to a new location.

Mayor Smith stated that the Rantoul Rotary Club has agreed to provide funds for a storyboard to be placed at the Minuteman Missile site. A similar storyboard was erected at the John E. Baermann Memorial Parade Ground in honor of the 99th Pursuit Squadron, later known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Mr. Milliken provided a draft of the storyboard for review.

Ms. Brotherton suggested that the plaque at the base should be larger. Mayor Smith stated that he would reach out to Jill's Sign & Engraving for additional quotes.

Ms. Haines reported that she had read in that contract that the Air Force would supply tags for the Minuteman Missile. She stated that she would review the contract again to see what the details are for that.

Discussion ensued on what verbiage to be included on the memorial plaque. The fee for the text is \$0.42 per character. The recommendation was to condense the verbiage to simply, "Dedicated in honor of all who passed through the gates of the Chanute Air Force Base from 1917 to 1993." Mr. Helfrich suggested that the official title of the Minuteman Missile also be included at the top of the plaque.

An additional recommendation was made to add the dedication date, along with the current Village Board and ICBM Sub-Committee Members to the backside of the storyboard. Mr. Milliken stated that he would provide a mockup of the second side in addition.

Adjournment

Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.

Minutes prepared, submitted, and filed by Tana Ward, Mayoral Assistant