

Minutes of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission Meeting

Meeting # 10

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

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Chairman John Reynolds called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M.

Commissioners Present:

Mr. John Reynolds, Chair
Ms. Donna Glessner, Vice Chair
Mr. Larry Catuzzi
Mr. John Felt
Dr. Brent Glass
Mr. Jerry Guadagno
Dr. Ed Linenthal
Mr. Ken Nacke
Mr. Gary Singel
Mr. Jerry Spangler
Mr. Greg Walker
Mr. Michael Watson
Mr. Calvin Wilson

Commissioners Present Via Teleconference:

Mr. Dan Sullivan
Ms. Pamela Tokar-Ickes

I. Opening of Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman John Reynolds welcomed the Commissioners and the members of the public, and formally opened the tenth meeting of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission.

Superintendent Joanne Hanley led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks

Chairman Reynolds requested everyone take a moment to remember all the people who have been adversely affected by Hurricane Katrina. All Commissioners both present physically and via teleconference were then acknowledged. Mr. Steve Martin, Deputy Director of the National Park Service was thanked for attending the meeting.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from June 2005

Chairman Reynolds conducted a review of the minutes from the June 25th, 2005.

Motion 05-17 Regarding the Approval of Minutes from June 25, 2005

The Commission approves the minutes of June 25, 2005

Moved: By Commissioner Catuzzi.
Second: By Commissioner Watson
Discussion from the Commissioners: None

Discussion from Public: None
Vote: All in favor; none opposed
Motion passes.

IV. Reports

A. General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

Jeff Reinbold

Mr. Reinbold directed the Commission to the updated package that was provide to them. He addressed the changes in the sequence of actions regarding the distribution of the GMP.

Motion 05-18 Regarding The Schedule For Release Of The General Management Plan

The Commission rescinds Motion 05-16 regarding the distribution of the General Management Plan and adopts the revised plan schedule as follows.

Prepare Draft GMP/EIS for Internal Review	September 2005
Review Draft GMP/EIS (Partners and NPS)	October 2005
Incorporate Partner Comments and Print Draft GMP/EIS for Public Review	November 2005
45-day Public Review of Draft GMP/EIS	December 2005 – January 2006
Respond to Public Comments. Print Final GMP/EIS and Summary Document and Release to Public	February 2006
30-day Public Review Period	March 2006
Recommend Plan to Secretary (Commission) Sign Record-of-Decision ending the planning Process (NPS Regional Director)	April 2006

Moved: By Commissioner Spangler.
Second: By Commissioner Nacke
Discussion from the Commissioners: None
Discussion from Public: None
Vote: All in favor; none opposed
Motion passes.

B. Presentation Of The Stage II Jury Report To Select The Design Of The Flight 93 National Memorial

Tim Baird, Co-Chair, Design Solicitation Committee

Mr. Baird expressed his pleasure in presenting the design competition Stage II Jury Report. The Stage II Jury, volunteers and consultants were thanked for their hard work. The Heinz Endowments and the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation were thanked for their funding. Mr. Baird indicated that this particular selection process was used because it is the most democratic and inclusive process by which a memorial can become a reality through a design competition. The Design Oversight Committee included

Gina Farfour, Families of the Flight 93; Calvin Wilson, Flight 93 Advisory Commission and family member; Jeff Reinbold, NPS; and Mr. Baird, representing the Task Force. This is the first time the National Park Service has designed a new unit of the park system exclusively through a design competition.

Mr. Baird recognized all the people and organizations that put forth great effort for the past year. Special recognition was given to the local Shanksville and Somerset communities. Also, thanks was given to Kim Kobsa of Neighborhood America who was instrumental in setting up the website for the public exhibition that allowed people from all around the world to view the competition entries and to provide input. The competition advisors, Helene Fried and Don Stastney, were acknowledged for their tireless effort and the dedication. All who entered the competition were thanked for their unique contributions. Both the Stage I and Stage II Juries who contributed enormously with their time and their efforts were thanked. All competition finalists were thanked.

The team of Paul Murdoch Architects of Los Angeles and Nelson Byrd Landscape Architects of Charlottesville and New York were announced as the winning designer.

Motion 05-19 Regarding the Report of the Stage 2 Jury and the Winning Memorial Design

The Commission receives the report of the Stage 2 jury and adopts the selected design, therefore establishing the winner of the memorial design competition.

Moved: By Commissioner Glass

Second: By Commissioner Catuzzi

Discussion from the Commissioners: None

Discussion from Public: None

Vote: All in favor; none opposed

Motion passes.

Chairman Reynolds - "I would like to thank you, Tim, as the Co-Chair of the Design Oversight Committee. I would like to thank Gina and Jeff and Calvin as you have, and we will note that in the minutes, because the Commission joins in your thanks. We also thank the Jurors, Don, Helene, and all the folks in the Somerset community who worked so hard to make this possible, as well as the staff of the NPS. Thank you all very much.

Before we go on I would like to make a note for inclusion in the minutes. The jury made several recommendations in addition to selecting the final design. The commission appreciates that these recommendations are provided in the report. We urge their consideration in the planning and design process that follows this and leads to construction of the Memorial. The commission makes no recommendation concerning the outcome of their consideration in future decision making processes. The reason of course we make no recommendation, is that we cannot do so until after the General Management planning process is completed. The Commission deeply appreciates the caring commitment and depth of thought given by the jurors leading up to these recommendations.

Is there any objection to the inclusion of a statement like that within the minutes? Seeing none we will do so. Thank you all.

This is an historic day, and of course, this afternoon at the press conference led by the Families of Flight 93, the winning design will be available for everyone to see. Even those of us who have seen it before will be overwhelmed with the professionalism and beauty of this particular design. It is just a day that we have long waited for, and I believe the result will show it has been worth our entire wait. Thank you."

V. Old Business

Joanne Hanley

Dates scheduled for 2006 were coordinated. It is proposed that the January 28th meeting be changed to February 18th to allow for a review of the public comments on the GMP. It is hoped the Regional Director will attend the April 29th meeting to sign the record of decision for transmittal to the Director and to the Secretary. There were no objections to changing the meeting dates.

Chairman Reynolds urged everyone to start thinking about how we will present this National Memorial to the American public.

Commissioner Catuzzi commended the Design Oversight Committee for a marvelous job, as well as consultants who have worked with the Task Force. All who traveled from Somerset, Shanksville and Western Pennsylvania to be part of the day's events were thanked for sharing their lives with the families and for opening their homes for what will be for generations to come. He feels they can never be thanked enough.

Commissioner Glass commended the Design Oversight Committee, the Commission, the Task Force and all the Partners for their hard work. He looks forward to the hard work that's still ahead in terms of the General Management Plan, the fundraising, and making this memorial a reality.

Commissioner Wilson challenged all present to promote our heroes. There are a lot of distractions now; we have just gotten over the tsunami and now we are dealing with Katrina. But he thinks there is a no better time than right now to start promoting our heroes because it is the only way we can keep their memories in front of the public.

Commissioner Spangler wished to commend the many people for all they have done to allow us to accomplish what we have done thus far. The Commission has encountered people of talent, good will, and enthusiasm who have been willing to step forward and move the process forward. A process that's open and inclusive has brought forth the best ideas. He commends the Design Oversight Committee, Don, Helene, all the competitors and commends everybody who participated in the process.

Chairman Reynolds offered a special thank-you to Larry Catuzzi who has served as both Task Force Co-Chair and as Vice-President of the Families of Flight 93 for more than ~~the~~ two years. He has stepped down as Task Force Chair Co-Chair and from the Family board, but will continue to be on the Commission.

Adjourned at noon.