

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

April 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Jerry Ziese at 5:32 PM.

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman Jim Bruner Kristin Delfs Teri Van Dorston, Asst. Director	Connie Arens John Powers Mike Jager, Director
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Excused:	Sarah Else George Hamman, Commissioner Emeritus	Gary Grant
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Guests:	Roger Wiest Jim Payton	Cheryl King
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Commissioner Arens made a motion to approve the minutes of the March meeting; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

After some discussion on the bills, Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

The Assistant Director gave a museum progress report update. A head gear display was installed in the larger mezzanine conference room; received over 200 artifacts from a Marine/Army veteran; an airplane modeler group has come forward and are helping to fine tune and catalog the model airplanes, once done they will clean and restore the minor damage that was done. She is still working on the concept for the Spanish American War section and still hopeful to have the Vietnam exhibit done by Veterans Day.

William Penn University is having a career summit, in the building, with keynote speakers beginning at 8:15 AM on Tuesday, April 15.

The Veterans Memorial Building will have its official Grand Opening and ribbon cutting on April 15 at 1:30 PM with speakers Mayor Corbett and General Tommy Franks, Retired.

The Iowa Veterans Welcome Center will have their Grand Opening on April 25 starting at 9 AM.

Veteran, Jim Payton, examined the condition of the auditorium seats and volunteered to repair them. He has built a workshop in the basement and will start replacing the vinyl seats, then later will stain the wooden parts. The money for the vinyl will come from the Memorial operating budget.

There are 25 bricks that will be placed at the All Veterans Memorial park by Memorial Day and one new bench, with hopes of it being placed by Memorial Day. There was a discussion on setting up a table at

the Veterans Memorial Stadium to get more interest in the bricks. The Director is to ask Doug to attend a meeting in the next month or two to give the Commission an update.

Commissioner Bruner reported the Memorial Day program is pretty well set with the back up being the Ice Arena.

Commissioner Powers handed out pamphlets and flyers for the Stand Down. These are being used to request donations for the event. Chairman Ziese has offered to distribute to the Uptown district and libraries; Commissioner Delfs will also distribute to different areas.

The Director shared some information: 1) in the Council Chambers on Thursday at 3:15 pm, there will be a round table discussion on the issues of PTSD, 2) Army recruiter, Sergeant AP, has lined up a free Corrin Campbell concert, in the auditorium, on May 1st at 6 PM, that night a number of people who have signed up with the Army will take a swearing in oath, 3) read an email he received from Patrick Reinert (an ex-commission member). Since Patrick Reinert's stay has been extended until October 2014, at the May meeting Commissioner Arens will have another box to fill along with a card to sign for him.

Commissioner Delfs asked if there was any progress on the website; yes, and the Assistant Director is working with the City IT department, there is a fee and is waiting on an estimate; we can go outside like a couple other departments have done.

Commissioner Powers asked about the rental contracts; the Director stated the contracts were prepared by the City Attorney and there are also insurance requirements.

Commissioner Powers made a comment about the Marine Corps League and he is trying to get something arranged for them to meet in the building; the Director has extended an offer, the same as with any other group.

With no further business, Commission Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 PM; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____

Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____

Date