

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

August 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Jerry Ziese at 5:30 PM.

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman	Connie Arens
	Jim Bruner	John Powers
	Gary Grant	Kristin Delfs
	Teri Van Dorston, Asst. Director	Mike Jager, Director

Guests:	John Gruca	Carol Martin
	Councilman Scott Olson	Councilman Ralph Russell

Commissioner Delfs made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting; seconded by Commissioner Grant. The motion carried with no objections.

There was some discussion on the bills to include: Alliant Energy, Guitar Center, Kamal's, MidAmerican Energy and Schumacher Elevator. Commissioner Arens made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

The Assistant Director gave a museum progress report; have received 100+ donations since the June meeting. She is working hard to have the Vietnam exhibit open by November 6th. There was a question regarding an intern; the part time Intern IV position has been posted.

Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the resolution (07-02-14) and invoice for the 1st half of the FY15 payment to the Cedar Rapids Ball Club, Inc. in the amount of \$44,008.50; seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

We have a NFIP policy for approximately \$5,000 per year; this flood insurance provides \$1 million in coverage (\$500,000 each to property and contents). The Director has secured an additional \$3 million in excess flood insurance, thru Stamy Insurance, for an approximate cost of \$8,000-\$10,000. There was some discussion and the Commission decided to discuss this in six months.

Since Commissioners' Powers and Ziese have not been reappointed yet, there was a need for a new Chairman. Commissioner Grant made a motion to nominate Commissioner Delfs as Chairman; seconded by Commissioner Arens. Commissioner Powers nominated Commissioner Arens, but withdrew the nomination after a short discussion. Commissioner Grant made a motion to cease the nominations; seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried, with Commissioner Delfs being the new Chairman beginning with the September meeting.

Commissioner Bruner left the meeting at this time (6:15 PM) and asked Commissioner Powers to give the report from the Metro Veterans Council. The Council primarily discussed the Stand Down being held on Friday, September 5th at the Veterans Memorial Stadium.

On August 18, "Remembering Our Fallen" exhibit will be in the lobby. At 11 AM Mayor Corbett will have opening remarks. The exhibit will be in the lobby until 11 AM on Friday, August 22nd. Rockwell Collins is sponsoring this traveling exhibition and the Commission is providing the space.

Mayor Corbett has assigned the task to try to resolve the final issues relating to the renovation project to Councilmen Olson and Russell. Both spoke on the issues and wanted to bring the Commission up to speed and may talk with each Commission member within the next 30 days.

Carol Martin asked why the available office space, for long term rent, is not listed on the website and wondered if we were working on it. Commissioner Delfs explained not everything is listed yet and maybe a side note could be added. The Director did say a realtor was helping to bring in prospective clients in addition to himself. Adding this to the website will be discussed further; the Chairman suggested someone get back to Mrs. Martin.

With no further business, Commissioner Grant made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM; seconded by Commissioner Arens. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____
Date