

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

August 12, 2013

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

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman	Constance Arens
	Jim Bruner	John Powers
	Sarah Else	Mike Jager, Director
	Teri Van Dorston, Asst. Director	

Excused:	Kristin Delfs	Gary Grant
	George Hamman	

Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the minutes of the July meeting; seconded by Commissioner Arens. 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 Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

The Assistant Director reported OSDI will deliver and install the shelving next week in the museum storage area; then the collections in Chicago can come back and items in the old Clerk's area can be moved. The Director added metal storage left behind by the City will be used as well. There was a "Spirit of '45 Day" at Mercy Hospital on Sunday; we participated and that display is now in the west gallery along with another donation.

The Chair asked where the veterans groups were meeting; 4th floor rooms. Currently three groups are meeting in the building; the Director will extend the invitation to other veterans groups.

The Assistant Director has been working on a brochure to replace the Grant Wood story; she would like to bring it up to date to include pictures, flood recovery and the museum's mission. This is a work in progress and would like feedback; the cost is .57 per copy. Commissioner Else suggested including a comment about accepting donations, which lead to a discussion regarding tax deductions/501C3. The Chairman stated if he was going to raise money to finish the building a 501C3 would be needed; possibly himself, the Director and Commissioner's Else and Grant could meet to talk about it.

Commissioner Bruner reported the Metro Veterans Council enjoyed meeting in the building again.

Commissioner Powers gave an update on the Stand Down being held at the Veterans Memorial Stadium on September 6th.

The Chairman met with the City Manager and Mayor regarding the building permit fees; still insisting we need to pay them.

Commissioner Powers would like a Veterans Memorial Commission badge like the one Commissioner Bruner purchased; Commissioner Else will be in charge of ordering the badges for the Commission.

With no further business, Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 P.M.; seconded by Commissioner Arens. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____ Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____ Date