

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

February 11, 2013

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

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman John Powers George Hamman, Commissioner Emeritus Teri Van Dorston, Assistant Director	Jim Bruner Sarah Else Mike Jager, Director
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Excused:	Gary Grant Patrick Reinert	Connie Arens
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Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

Commissioner Else made a motion to approve the current bills. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

The Assistant Director gave a museum progress report.

The Galleries - The plan and concept has been narrowed down. The SAWM gallery will be a more traditional looking, semi-permanent gallery space. The concept when going through the collection was the history of the building. There is a story to tell beginning with the Civil War to when the building was conceived. The East gallery will be a great space for rotating exhibits starting with the collections and exhibits that can be rented or borrowed.

The Collections – get the 685 pieces back from Chicago and store in the East gallery once it is ready. Then unpack, sort and place upstairs in the collections storage area. Have added 37 items since September and are ready to accept more items.

Moveable walls have been purchased from the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library; will also be obtaining exhibit cases and metal storage shelving through her professional contacts.

There was no discussion from the Metro Veterans Council since no meeting was held in January.

The Chairman met with the City Manager last Friday and he believes the City will repair the alleys.

Commissioner Bruner stated the Stand Down is in need of monetary donations; contact Don Tyne if one knows of anyone. Commissioner Else will email Don Tyne to have him make a request with the VA Medical Research Foundation.

With no further business, Commissioner Else made a motion to adjourn at 5:52 PM so Commission members, if they choose to, could take a tour of the building. Seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____ Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____ Date