

**VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

**January 18, 2016**

**5:30 PM**

**Veteran's Council Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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| Present: | Gary Grant, Chairman   | Constance Arens, Vice Chairwoman      |
|          | John Powers            | Mike Jager, Executive Director        |
|          | Sherri Schuchmann      | Nikee Woods, Administrative Assistant |
|          | Kristin Delfs          | Pat Kane                              |
|          | Councilman Scott Olson |                                       |
| Excused: | Jerry Ziese            | Teri Van Dorston, Assistant Director  |
| Guests:  | Mike Chismar           | Cheryl King                           |

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Grant at 5:31 PM. An informal introduction of the new VMC Commissioners followed.

**Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Financials:**

Commissioner Delfs asked for clarification of the internal transfer for IT services. E.D. Jager explained that the refund shown was due to over billing. Commissioner Kane asks for information to the Koch Brothers charge for printer costs. E.D. Jager shares that is a fee related to the photocopy machine contracted to the VMC. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

**Museum Report-Executive Director:**

E.D. Jager reports that collections continue to come in. Also reported is that our Veteran volunteer, Jim Douglas, has been making headway with the Horsky Collection. Our museum Intern continues to work on cataloging collected items. A.D. Van Dorston and E.D. Jager have begun discussion on developing a plan for the temporary gallery's next scheduled WWI exhibit. Commissioner Kane asks if any plans are in motion for planned events to bring people in to attend. E.D. Jager said he would reach out to other organizations that have done similar events.

**Approval of Resolution for FY16 Payment to CR Ball Club:**

E.D. Jager briefly shares the history and reasoning of this existing payment policy to the Cedar Rapids Ball Club, Inc. Commissioner Delfs made a motion to approve the resolution of the FY16 2<sup>nd</sup> payment to the Cedar Rapids Ball Club in the amount of \$44,841.00; seconded by Commissioner Kane. The motion carried with no objections.

**Election of VMC Officers:**

Commissioner Grant opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chair position of the VMC. Commissioner Delfs nominated Commissioner Arens; seconded by Commissioner Grant. Commissioner Kane moved for nominations to be closed. The motion carried with no objections.

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**Communication and Update from the MVC:**

Cheryl King and Commissioner Powers asks for guidance from the VMC after sharing information pertaining to the MVC internal matters that have arose since former VMC Commissioner Emeritus, George Hammond's passing.

Commissioner Powers reports that the Jefferson High School Class of 1966 plans of a Purple Heart Monument at AVM Park is looking to secure donations to have the monument in place by Memorial Day 2016; he requests that everyone share with others to assist with donations. New orders of the memorial bricks are on schedule to be purchased in February to have in place by the MVC Memorial Day Program.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment.

Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 PM; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,



Nikee Woods, Admin. Assistant

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ Date

VICE CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ Date