

**VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION****CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA****January 20, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Jerry Ziese at 5:31 PM.

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

Excused:	Connie Arens	George Hamman
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Commissioner Bruner made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

After discussions on the bills that included Alliant Energy, Solum Lang Architects, Blackhawk Automatic Sprinklers, boiler maintenance contract, sprinkler system in the building and suite rentals, Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the bills; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Commissioner Grant would like the Director to summarize, by next month, what could not be done due to a shortfall, to include the auditorium sound and lighting systems and permanent seating, sprinkler system, LED signage out front, upper floors. The Metro Veterans Council (MVC) needs to be involved in the discussions to help raise the money whether it is naming rights or fundraising; a plan is needed. The Chairman formed and will be a part of the ad hoc fundraising committee along with Commissioners Else and Grant and will report back next month.

The Assistant Director reported the exhibit "Survivors Empowered Through Art" has been set up in the lobby; the "Invisible War" video will be shown at 7 PM on January 30<sup>th</sup> in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor council chambers. The collections are going well; have received, on indefinite loan from the Veterans Welcome Center, a replica of the USS Iowa and is working on obtaining a case for it. There was some discussion on getting an intern to help with the museum collections that was returned from Chicago.

Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the resolution (01-01-14) and invoice for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the FY14 payment to the Cedar Rapids Ball Club, Inc. in the amount of \$43,148.50; seconded by Commissioner Else. The motion carried with no objections. Commissioner Grant would like an update from Doug next month; the Chairman will talk to Doug.

The Chairman asked if there were any nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Else nominated Commissioner Ziese; seconded by Commissioner Powers. With no other nominations, the motion carried with no objections.

The Chairman asked if there were any nominations for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Else nominated Commissioner Arens; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. With no other nominations, the motion carried with no objections.

Commissioner Bruner had no report from the MVC but will let them know about the discussion to include the MVC.

The Director stated there is an approximate \$1,100 in costs associated with the free parking stickers he mentioned last month; the local IBEW has agreed to fund this on behalf of the Veterans.

The carryover from the FY2013 budget is \$244,958.28 and has been transferred into the CIP account which now has a balance of \$658,866.96.

With no further business, Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn at 6:09 PM; seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

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

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