

## VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

### CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

**July 8, 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
	Kristin Delfs	Sarah Else
	Jim Bruner	John Powers
	Gary Grant	George Hamman, Commissioner Emeritus
	Teri VanDorston, Ass't Director	Mike Jager, Director

Guests: Councilman Karr

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

After some discussion, Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objection.

Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to newly appointed Commissioner Delfs; she in return told about herself.

The Assistant Director prepared an acquisition report of all items taken in since October for all the Commissioners.

The Director reported on the attendance for the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>; over 1,100 people came to see the Grant Wood Window and the first exhibit. A discussion followed on the fireworks going off on the First Avenue side. Commissioner Grant prefers the First Avenue side as opposed to the island due to possible damage to the Grant Wood Window. The Chairman suggested Commissioner Grant send him an email, he will in turn pass it by the rest of the Commission for input then will send the Commission's concerns to the City, Fire Marshall and the Freedom Festival.

Commissioner Else made a motion to approve the resolution (07-02-13) and invoice for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the FY14 payment to Cedar Rapids Ball Club, Inc. in the amount of \$43,148.50; seconded by Commissioner Grant. The motion carried with no objections. The Commission would like Doug Nelson to attend a future commission meeting for an annual update.

Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve resolution #07-03-13 authorizing the Executive Director to transfer \$100,000 from the Memorial Commission accounts to the City of Cedar Rapids for the purpose of our FY 2014 contribution to the Stadium Capital Reserve Fund; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

There was a discussion about building permits owed for the building. Councilman Karr stated there was an agreement and does not feel the money was owed. The Director said the bid specifications clearly

stated the general contractor did not have to obtain the building permits as the owner's representative would obtain them and that was approved by the City Council. He also spoke with the City Manager and Finance Director in September 2012 and was assured the issue was resolved. Councilman Karr will talk to the City Manager and Finance Director again to remind them in September the issue had been settled. Commissioner Grant would like some sort of communication from the City stating this issue is resolved. The Director received a temporary occupancy permit for the Phase I portion of the building in April. Councilman Karr stated if you owe money for building permits you cannot get a temporary occupancy permit.

Commissioner Bruner reminded the Commission about the Stand Down on September 6<sup>th</sup> at the stadium.

The Director invited the Commission to attend the Great Books Discussion on Wednesday in the west gallery.

Commissioner Bruner asked about the prospective clients who are interested in leasing space; Jim Flitz has prepared a lease and the Riverview Center's attorney is currently reviewing it. Midwest Military Outreach is setting up temporary offices as well. The Chairman stated Civil Rights might possibly be looking for a place; per the Director market rates would apply.

With no further business, Commissioner Grant made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 P.M.; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

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

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