

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

June 10, 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	Connie Arens
	John Powers	Jim Bruner
	Gary Grant	George Hamman, Commissioner Emeritus
	Teri VanDorston, Ass't Director	Mike Jager, Director
	Mayor Corbett	

Excused:	Patrick Reinert	Sarah Else
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Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

After some discussion regarding the budget and asbestos, Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve the current bills. Seconded by Commissioner Hamman. The motion carried with no objections.

Since Commissioner Reinert is in Afghanistan, the Chairman asked if there were any nominations for a temporary Vice Chairman. Commissioner Grant nominated Commissioner Arens. Seconded by Commissioner Bruner. With no other nominations and Commissioner Arens accepting, the motion carried with no objections.

The Assistant Director gave a museum update; the walls are up in the west gallery and will open on June 28 instead of June 21. The Director added the lobby and west gallery will be open to the public July 1 through July 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as a part of the Freedom Festival, both he and the Assistant Director have volunteered to be there on the 4th. In July the Director would like the Assistant Director to attend the Association of Midwest Museums Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.

Riverview Center, from Dubuque, IA, would like to lease the approximate 800 square foot space on 2nd floor for \$10,000 per year which is approximately \$10 per square foot and right in the middle of the market rate. They will take the space as is and without parking; they will need to contact Republic Parking. The Director would like direction from the Commission so he can proceed with the negotiations and putting something in writing. Commissioner Powers made a motion to proceed with leasing the space at \$10,000 per year and to have the City Attorney's office review the lease. Seconded by Commissioner Arens. The motion carried with no objections.

Commissioner Bruner reported there was a great turn out for the Memorial Day Services held at the Ice Arena. The next Metro Veterans Council meeting will be held at the Veterans Memorial Stadium on Wednesday and asked when they could start meeting in this building again. The Director stated since there is a temporary occupancy permit and use of the elevators, they can meet either in the conference room or old council chambers on 4th floor beginning with their July meeting. The Metro Veterans

Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Commissioner Bruner also mentioned the flag raising ceremony, to be held on May's Island, on June 14th and July 4th at 7:45 a.m.

Commissioner Grant asked if some of the rooms are being renamed. The Chairman stated that would be difficult to do. He feels, before any room is renamed, it should come before the Commission and the Commission needs to take under consideration that the building has been here for a long time and has history.

Commissioner Powers mentioned the Stand Down on September 6th at the Veterans Memorial Stadium from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

With no further business, Commissioner Grant made a motion to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____
Date