

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

March 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Jerry Ziese at 5: 28 PM.

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman	Patrick Reinert
	Jim Bruner	John Powers
	Gary Grant	Connie Arens
	Teri VanDorston, Ass't Director	Mike Jager, Director

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

After some discussion, Commissioner Reinert made a motion to approve the current bills. Seconded by Commissioner Bruner. The motion carried with no objections.

The Assistant Director gave a museum progress report. Things are going well, putting the final touches on the narrative, to be given to the exhibit design firm so they can start forming the exhibit for a potential Memorial Day opening. She has met with Don Tyne to make sure he understands our process for receiving donated items. The collection storage is moving along and will eventually be moved upstairs; have purchased one shelving unit and will need shelving for flat art as well as garments/uniform/etc. In the process of renewing the National Museum of USAF loans; there is some graffiti and talking with their conservator about that. The Chairman mentioned that Richard Armitage is a collector and may have items to borrow to complete an exhibit.

The Director gave a building progress report; he had three items. 1) Have a temporary occupancy permit effective March 6th, for the South Tower, despite the elevator not working – there is a list of items that need to be addressed before the State elevator inspector will return. 2) The fitness center room is largely finished; have received some donated equipment. 3) The Executive Director of the Great Books Foundation would like to return on March 21st to do a short program showing how it works; will send an email to Commission members once details have been finalized. Chairman Ziese asked to extend an invitation to Rockwell Collins.

Commissioner Bruner gave an update from the Metro Veterans Council. They talked about the problems with the downtown area pole flag holders; have received approximately \$1000 for repair or new holders. The stand down is still in need of money. The Chairman said if Don Tyne would send him a letter stating the need for the money, he would see what he could do.

The PM Exchange will be at the stadium on March 21st with a ribbon cutting for the new scoreboard at 5:45 PM.

Commissioner Powers wanted to know the status of the truck; the Director has not heard anything about a suitable vehicle for the department.

With no further business, Commissioner Grant made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Reinert. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____
Date