

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

May 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Jerry Ziese at 5:32 PM.

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman Kristin Delfs Terry Van Dorston, Asst. Director	John Powers Sarah Else Mike Jager, Director
Excused:	Gary Grant Connie Arens	Jim Bruner George Hamman

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

There was some discussion on the bills to include: Alliant Energy, dues paid to CRACVB, Kamal's and MidAmerican Energy. The Kamal's expense is for materials to reupholster the 630 seats in the auditorium. Veterans are volunteering the labor in a shop set up for them in the basement. It was suggested to document the volunteer hours. The Director stated the original construction estimate, from Rinderknecht, to redo the seats was \$300 each; Kamal's offered to redo them for \$50 each. Chairman Ziese stated this can justify free rent for the Iowa Welcome Center for quite some time. Commissioner Delfs asked that pictures be taken of the process from beginning to end and to include this on the website stating these are 100% veterans reconstructed; Chairman Ziese said "Veterans helping Veterans". Commissioner Delfs made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections. The Chairman and Director have agreed to provide the City, within the next 30 days, with a plan of expenditures and income for the next three years. The Commission would like an update from the Cedar Rapids Ball Club; the Director stated their annual report should be done next month.

The Assistant Director reported that collections and donations items are streaming in, during the "Behind the Scenes" tours, she handed out 15+ cards to people interested in donating to the collections. She is fine tuning the Spanish American War display, hopeful to have it started by the 4th of July with completion by August. Regarding the Vietnam exhibit – starting to have weekly meetings with Vietnam veterans at the Iowa Welcome Center on Tuesday's at 1 PM.

Commissioner Powers reported the Memorial Day program is in good shape, not sure about the speaker. In the event of rain, the program will be held at the Ice Arena. Suggestions from Commission members are to make sure it is in the paper. The Director mentioned the Metro Veterans Council may want to meet in the west mezzanine meeting room due to the issues with the elevator.

The Chairman has obtained about 6 dates to set up tables to promote the bricks that are displayed at the All Veterans Memorial park. A list of the dates will be sent to everyone, and if interested, respond with dates they are available.

With no further business, Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn at 5:58 PM; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____ Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____ Date