

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

May 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Jerry Ziese at 5:26 PM.

Present:	Jerry Ziese, Chairman	Patrick Reinert
	John Powers	Jim Bruner
	Connie Arens	Sarah Else
	Mike Jager, Director	Teri Van Dorston, Ass't Director

Excused:	Gary Grant	George Hamman, Commissioner Emeritus
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Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Reinert. The motion carried with no objections.

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

The lobby will be open for the public to view the Grant Wood Window and hopefully two sections in the west museum July 1-4 as a part of the Freedom Festival.

The Assistant Director gave an update on the museum. The goal is to have two sections (Civil War and Grand Army of the Republic) of the exhibit open by June 21. There will be a title wall welcoming guests with a brief explanation of what we are trying to do. Glass Heritage cleaned the five bottom panels of the window. As far as the collections, 63 artifacts have been added to the permanent collection since January. Talked about the process she goes through when artifacts are received. The Chairman would like the Director and Assistant Director to start thinking about a grand opening.

Commissioner Powers mentioned two veterans programs that will be happening. The pancake breakfast, will be held before the Memorial Day services, at the Veterans Memorial Stadium and "Welcome Home" to be held at the Cedar Rapids Vet Center on May 31, 2013 from 11 AM to 3 PM.

Commissioner Bruner reported the Memorial Day Services will be held on May 27, 2013 at the All Veterans Memorial Park, in the event of rain, the services will be at the ice arena. The Director added 36 new bricks have arrived and will be in place by Memorial Day.

The Director updated the Commission on the veterans exercise facility at Commissioner Else's request.

The Director brought the Commission up to date on the terrazzo flooring, per Commissioner Aren's request.

Commissioner Powers asked about the status of the department truck. The Director stated we have a truck that is road worthy, licensed, is ours for the use and does not cost us anything other than gas;

seems to be okay with the current situation. He still has the option open, with the Fleet Manager, if something good and serviceable is found at a government auction to let him know.

With no further business, Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn at 5:55 PM. Seconded by Commissioner Else. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Greene

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____
Date