

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

April 13, 2015

Veteran's Council Conference Room, 4th Floor

Present:	Gary Grant, Chairman John Powers Jerry Ziese Councilman Scott Olson	Constance Arens, Vice Chairwoman Mike Jager, Director Teri Van Dorston, Assistant Director Nikee Woods, Admin. Asst.
Excused:	Hattie Holmes Jim Bruner	Kristin Delfs
Guests:	Mike Chismore Bob Feiereisen Tony Hlas	Shane Lamson Doug Nelson

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Gary Grant at 5:30 PM. The original agenda order of the minutes was altered to accommodate Kernels' CEO early departure from the meeting.

Veterans Memorial Stadium Report:

Doug Nelson, CEO shares the following updates:

- Storm sewer project is completed and handled a recent storm efficiently.
- Overview of ADA Audit
 - 148 of 170 items will be compliant by end of May 2015.
 - 20 of 170 items will be compliant once approved by the Department of Justice.
 - The handicap parking lot ADA Audit item requires a Civil Engineer's involvement.
 - The Kernels dugouts ADA Audit item will be appealed with alternatives to become compliant.
- Stadium Capital Repair Funds account
 - 2015 request for funds will be to replace many common wear and tear items such as: cracked chairs, epoxy on concourse floor, and bathroom faucets.

Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes:

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

Financials:

Commissioner Ziese made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Museum Report/Assistant Director:

55 new artifacts have been received and the Intern is cataloging. The Intern was offered to carry on her position with VM and she accepted if allowed to continue during her Fall/Spring Semester. A sizeable WWII underwater demolition veterans donation from East Dubuque has been received. VMB hosted a

Girl Scouts program recently which included a tour of the Memorial Window, Vietnam exhibit, and the building itself which was very well received. The bricks for the AVM Park have been ordered and confirmed delivery on or by April 30, 2015.

Communication and Update from the MVC:

Commissioner Powers states that the Memorial Day program is coming together and speakers have been chosen.

Public Comment:

Mike Chismore shares that the American Legion Baseball League is back in Cedar Rapids and have a scheduled double header for April 18 and 19, 2015 at 1:00 pm. This will be held at the Jefferson Baseball Park and there will be free popcorn for kids in attendance.

Councilman Olson will be reading a proclamation for the VFW Ladies Auxiliary on April 18, 2015 on behalf of the City Council. Councilman Olson shared that depositions have been delayed related to the current lawsuit relating to the suits filed against outstanding change orders from construction at the VMB. Settlement negotiations are currently occurring per litigation procedures.

Commissioner Ziese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 PM; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikee Woods, Admin. Assistant

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____
Date