

**VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

**January 12, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Kristin Delfs at 5:30 PM.

Present:	Kristin Delfs, Chairman Jim Bruner Gary Grant, by phone Jerry Ziese	Connie Arens John Powers Mike Jager, Director Hattie Holmes
Guests:	Cheryl King Bob Feiereisen Tony Hlas	Mike Chismore Kevin Ringold

The order of the minutes follows the agenda that was provided at the meeting.

Chairman Delfs announced that Kathy Greene's last day as the VM Administrative Assistant was December 31<sup>st</sup>, when she retired from city service.

December Minutes and Current Bills: Commissioner Arens made a motion to approve; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Museum Report – Assistant Director: Teri informed the Commission that the Intern, Lindsay Blair, had been hired to assist with cataloging donations; over 500 received in 2014 alone, not including all that had been received prior to. Teri introduced the Iowa Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall that is in the lobby. She is working on getting an IPAD so that guests can link to the virtual wall. Commissioner Ziese asked what would be done with it after the Vietnam anniversary. Teri replied that the Public Library may take it, or we may have it displayed permanently.

Cedar Rapids Baseball's Club resolution and invoice in the amount of \$44,008.50 for the second half of FY 2015: Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the resolution (01-01-15) and invoice for the 2nd half of the FY15 payment to the Cedar Rapids Ball Club, Inc. in the amount of \$44,008.50; seconded by Commissioner Ziese. The motion carried with no objections.

Election of officers (Chair & Vice Chair) of the Veterans Memorial Commission for calendar year 2015: The Chairman asked if there were any nominations. Having heard none, she nominated Commissioner Grant for Chair; seconded by Commissioner Powers. Chairman Delfs also nominated Commissioner Arens for Vice Chair; seconded by Commissioner Powers. With no other nominations, the motion carried with no objections.

For Discussion Only – Presentation by representatives of the Linn County American Legion Association regarding proposed youth sporting activities to be held within the Veterans Memorial Building: Bob Feiereisen re-iterated what had been initially proposed at the December meeting about having a shooting program for boys and girls in one of the rooms located off of the Armory under Second Avenue. Points explained: Safety first – Parents must give permission; kids must complete oral and written testing prior to handling the air-guns; kids have fun;

training provides a teaching component. Bob also said that he is an FFL Gun Dealer and can get the guns and materials at cost. Commissioner Powers commented that he has an AMVETS Connection and that they would be interested in getting involved financially. Harlan Yoder as well as 40/8 are also on board. Chairman Delfs asked the commission to review the (2) pages in the packet referring to the City's Code of Ordinance on Firearms (63.10A) and the City's Insurance Requirements. She explained that per the ordinance, the Chief of Police would be required to do a walk-through of the space and insurance must be in place – provided by the tenant. Discussion continued on space restrictions, ricochet concerns, and costs for set-up. Director Jager stated that before any more time is spent, we need written permission from the Chief of Police. If he does not sign off, then all the planning is moot. Chairman Delfs deferred the option to vote for commission approval of the project, until after receipt of the Chief's approval.

Communications from the Metro Veterans Council: Nothing to report. No meetings since November 2014.

Public Comment: Cheryl King asked for a bricks update. Chairman Delfs said that the list is in the works since Teri and she are following up with Kathy's turnover notes. Cheryl then asked about the position. Mike Jager stated that the hiring process takes time. Commissioner Powers commented that the State House Veterans Day on the Hill is January 21<sup>st</sup>. Cheryl added that Don Tyne is taking a group to Des Moines for this.

Commissioner Bruner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:05 PM; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Delfs

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
Date