

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

March 9, 2015

Veteran's Council Conference Room, 4th Floor

Present:	Gary Grant, Chairman Jim Bruner Kristin Delfs Jerry Ziese Nikee Woods, Admin. Asst.	Constance Arens, Vice Chairwoman John Powers Mike Jager, Director Teri Van Dorston, Assistant Director
Excused:	Hattie Holmes	
Guests:	Mike Chismore Bob Feiereisen Tony Hlas	Toni Hauer Tom Hauer

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Gary Grant at 5:30 PM. The order of the minutes follows the agenda that was provided at the meeting.

Approval of the Previous Meeting's Minutes:

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

Financials:

There was some discussion on the bills to include: Electric oxygen scavenger, split Alliant accounts, museum wall graphics, elevator maintenance charges, and Pearson Electric. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Museum Report/Assistant Director:

The Assistant Director reported that the donor board is up in the Vietnam Exhibit and gallery guide along with two timeline guide panels are to be completed by the Leadership Summit, April 15, 2015 with the assistance of the Museum Intern and Volunteer. Intern is steadily processing new donations and is making great progress. The Cedar Rapids History center has approached The Veteran's Memorial Commission to host an educational exhibit of US Presidents. The loan for the two aircrafts, located at Seminole Valley Park and Veteran's Stadium Ballpark respectively, was renewed for a one year length through the National Museum of the United States Airforce. The renewal package will include a restoration plan for both aircrafts. Van Dorston has enlisted consultation with the Strategic Air Command Museum Restoration Department. The S.A.C.M. is consulting at no charge. The aircrafts will be restored onsite to specifics required of the N.M.U.S.A. Restoration costs will accrue and Chairman Grant recommended sending a rough budget to him so he can approach the Linn County Conservation for possible assistance in costs. Commissioner Delfs opened a discussion and proposed to add "New Items" to the Agenda. Chairman Grant stated that would be a direct violation to the Code of Iowa Chapter 21 Open Meetings. Commissioner Delfs continued with a discussion about partnering with Oak Hill Cemetery to host a Freedom Festival Event. Chairman Grant reminds the Commission that all

Commissioners are able to email the Director agenda items up until one week prior of Commission Meetings. If an agenda item needs to be added after that timeframe, to contact Chairman Grant directly.

Communication and Update from the MVC:

Commissioner Bruner reports that the Memorial Day program is in progress, they are now working on two options for speakers. Chairman Grant suggests Ken Rizer as a possible speaker for event. Commissioner Bruner asks that the Director work on accessible 2nd Avenue Bridge parking for upcoming MVC meetings, as past meetings held at the building have coincided with the Rollergirls' practices, thus limiting parking around the building. Director reminded the Commissioners that the underground parking has approximately 7 Veteran's parking only spaces for those who have the *Veteran's Parking* sticker and is open until 9 pm during the M-F. The Director will also alert the Rollergirls to the concern. Commissioner Bruner thanks Director Jager for the parking suggestions. Commissioner Powers reported that the MVC may have a potential kiosk at the EIA for all area Veteran Organization to share printed information. Chairman Grant suggests updating the United Way's 211 with current contact information.

Julia-n-LeChef/JNLC/Gatherings on the River-Introduction from CEO Tom Hauer:

The Director introduced Tom and Toni Hauer: owners and operators of JNLC. Many contributing factors such as HQ location and being a Veterans small business played into the idea to partner together. JNLC procured a donation of many items from the former SW Ruby Tuesday to benefit VMB's restaurant. When the process is complete, JNLC will have the exclusive alcohol license for the Building. There will be exclusions for events booked prior to the agreement who may use a different alcohol vendor. Once JNLC have received their licensing for Food and Beverages, they will be maintaining the kitchen for their sole use per Iowa laws and requirements for public and private event use. Their goal is to be licensed by end of March 2015.

Public Comment:

Bob Feiereisen updated the Commission on the American Legion Youth Shooting Club he has suggested at previous Commission meetings. He had reached out to the CRPD Chief with confirmation that a walk through to approve an area would be required for the Chief's sign off. Due to Bob's understanding that the area underneath 2nd Avenue Bridge may not be suitable, he recommended the Armory for use. The Director stated that is unattainable due in part to scheduling commitments of the Armory. Chairman Grant suggests adding this topic to next month's agenda.

Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM; seconded by Commissioner Arens. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikee Woods, Admin. Assistant

CHAIRMAN _____ Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____ Date