

VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

October 12, 2015

5:30 PM

Veteran's Council Conference Room, 4th Floor

Present:	Gary Grant, Chairman John Powers Kristin Delfs Jerry Ziese	Constance Arens, Vice Chairwoman Nikee Woods, Administrative Assistant Teri Van Dorston, Assistant Director
Excused:	Hattie Holmes Councilman Scott Olson	Mike Jager, Executive Director
Guests:	Mike Chismar Tony Hlas	Jim Payton Scott Droessler

The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Grant at 5:29 PM.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:

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

Financials:

Commissioner Delfs asked for clarification on the CR Kernels line items being associated to the ADA compliance, which is correct. Commissioner Grant and Powers asked to clarify if the recent monthly billings from In Touch Systems for the restaurant P.O.S. would be on a continuous basis, to be informed of the five step process for labor and equipment and with a final invoice, to soon be completed. Commissioner Delfs made a motion to approve the current bills; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Museum Report/Assistant Director:

A.D. Van Dorston reports that 169 collection items have been received this year to date. The latest items received from a volunteer in the IVWC were a mailbox from the WWII era with postcards written to home from the father who served, panoramic photos of his unit, and a 1934 panoramic photo of the Civilian Conservation Corps in Solon, Iowa. The Vietnam gallery exhibit is receiving the finishing touches and A.D. shared the text panel proofs for the tunnel display with the Commission at this time. Commissioner Ziese asks for A.D. to research pricing for security cameras in the galleries in lieu of a recent theft of an item in the exhibit.

Commission discussion/vote of the American Legion sponsored youth air gun program:

Chairman Grant would like to update Bob Feiereisen and VMB staff on a final decision of requested space to house or not house the American Legion sponsored youth air gun program. Commissioners shared various comments to concerns of space availability, legality, and as well as the past recommendations given not being followed. Commissioner Ziese motions to present this vote to the

VMC: banning all shooting ranges within the building at this time. Commissioner Grant offers a friendly amendment to vote specifically on the topic of the American Legion shooting range. Commissioner Ziese stands with his motion that the vote center on banning all shooting ranges within the building at this time. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion and the motion carried with no objections. Chairman Grant asks A.D. to inform Mr. Feiereisen of the VMC decision.

Discussion of upcoming VMB/VMC events:

Commissioner Delfs shared details of the VMC involvement in the 2014 Ushers Ferry Safe Halloween event and asks for any other VMC items that could be added for this year's participation. The event will be held at Ushers Ferry on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 1-4 pm and all are welcome to participate in joining Commissioner Delfs in this event. Chairman Grant explains no vote is needed for VMC participation in this event. Commissioner Delfs reports that the RHCR Theatres upcoming event, Vietnam Stories, is to be held in the Coliseum from November 8-11, 2015. This ticketed event is being directed by Commissioner Delfs brother, Matt Ford, with all proceeds to benefit a local veteran organization. More information can be found on RHCR Theatres' website. The Veterans Day event held in the Coliseum hosted by the Metros Veterans Council is still on schedule with finalization in process for the main speaker. A.D. shares that the Cedar Rapids Boxing Club will be renting the Armory for a Junior & Silver Gloves Boxing event on December 5, 2015. Chairman Grant provided verbal information about the CRBC history at the VMB.

Communication and Update from the MVC:

MVC continues to work on the Veterans Day event and will provide A.D. with the program for printing purposes.

Public Comment:

- Scott Droessler, Director of the Community of Artists and Veterans, a VMB tenant, wanted to express his gratitude to the VMC for allowing his organization to use space within the building. He also shares that two of the artists that work in C.A.V. currently have pieces on display at Mt. Mercy University Gallery open to the public for viewing.
- Jim Payton, a VMC volunteer, shares his gratitude to the VMC for acquiring him as a volunteer. He enjoys working on various projects, including the restoration of Coliseum original seats, as well as any project requested from the A.D.

Commissioner Ziese made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikee Woods, Admin. Assistant

CHAIRMAN _____
Date

VICE CHAIRMAN _____
Date