

Veterans Advisory Committee
Thursday, July 12th, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
City of Bonita Springs
9101 Bonita Beach Road, City Council Chambers
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Carolyn Pirucki led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Present:

Paul Canning
Adam Prentki III
Carolyn Pirucki
Scott Cline

Staff:

Kendra Gilreath–City of Bonita Springs Staff
Amy Quaremba–Councilwoman District 1

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

V. PATRIOT’S DAY PLANNING DISCUSSION

Mr. Paul canning led the discussion on Patriot’s Day Planning.

- Mr. Canning asked if the Marine Corps League would like to do the Presentation of the Colors. Mr. Prentki will find out.
- The Fire Department will do the Laying of the Wreath, the Alarm Bell and (if the Marine Corps League cannot participate) the Presentation of the Colors.
- Ms. Gilreath will find out if the Mayor is available to do the Welcome.
- Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Troupe 109 to see if the Boy Scouts and/or Cub Scouts can do the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mr. Prentki will check with Mr. Alex Herron to see if he’s available to sing the National Anthem.
- Mr. Canning will check with his department chaplain, Pastor Chitwood, to see if he can do the invocation.

- Mr. Canning asked if anyone had any ideas for a speaker for the message. After discussion, due to time constraints, the Committee decided not to do the message.
- The Committee decided to not to include the Patriotic Music Tribute in the effort to keep the program to a reasonable length.
- Ms. Pirucki will reach out to Jan Farrington to see if she would be available to read a poem.
- The Committee decided to keep the school essay contest, “What Does Patriotism Mean to Me”. Ms. Gilreath will reach out to the schools.
- Proclamation – Ms. Gilreath will check with Ms. Taylor.
- Guest Speaker is the unknown. Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Mr. Gillett to see if he can recommend someone.
- Mr. Cline recommended that maybe Mr. Herron could sing Amazing Grace when they lay the wreaths.
- Mr. Prentki will check on the bagpipes.
- Mr. Canning will check with Mr. Hunter on the 21 gun salute.
- The VFW will handle Taps
- Closing prayer, Mr. Canning will check with Pastor Chitwood.
- Ms. Gilreath noted the ceremony will be at 6 p.m. on September 11.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF May 10, 2018.

On the second page, under new business, Mr. Prentki did not report that this was Police Week. The Committee did not remember who commented on Police Week.

Mr. Prentki made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected above, Mr. Cline seconded; motion was carried unanimously.

VII. UPDATE ON BRICK SALES

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gilreath received an email from Erika asking if the Veterans Committee would like to sponsor Spirit 45.

Mr. Prentki made a motion to support the request for Sponsorship for Spirit 45 in the amount of \$250 from the Veterans Advisory Committee fund, Ms. Pirucki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Quaremba asked the Committee in honor of the 100th Anniversary of Memorial Day, would the Committee consider doing a “book of honors” listing Bonita Springs veterans who have served. Mr. Prentki recommended getting some prices and taking some time to think about it.

Councilwoman Quaremba shared that someone from her community mentioned banners with the pictures of veterans. The committee discussed a banner company who attended a meeting last year. The cost per banner was prohibitive, so the Committee discussed getting banners to represent each branch of the service to put on the poles on the side of the bridge on Old 41. Mr. Cline thought they had approved to get the service banners for the bridge. Ms. Gilreath will check last year and see if she can find a quote or an invoice. Mr. Prentki is not sure if the banners were ordered.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting confirmed for August 9, 2018.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cline made a motion to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: _____

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