

**Veterans Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**City of Bonita Springs**  
**9101 Bonita Beach Road, City Council Chambers**  
**Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

**MINUTES**

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order 5:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Winsett led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

**Present:**

Bobby Hunter  
Bob Gillett  
Scott Cline  
Kay Pirucki  
Larry Ellis  
Ron Winsett  
Adam Prentki  
Paul Canning

**Staff:**

Amy Quaremba – Councilwoman  
Kendra Gilreath

**Guest**

Kendra Gilreath

**Guest**

Jan Farrington

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

V. VETERAN'S DAY PLANNING DISCUSSION

The Committee reviewed the Veterans Day Ceremony Program

Welcome –	Bobby Hunter
Posting of the Colors –	Palmetto Ridge Junior ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance –	Mr. Hunter will reach out to the Scouts
National Anthem –	Dallas from Touch a Hero's Heart
Kendra will follow-up with Dallas to get her last name	
Dove Release –	No Doves
Invocation –	Jeff Chitwood
Mr. Canning will confirm with Reverend Chitwood.	

Dedication of POW/MIA –	Mr. Prentki will do the reading and Mr. Cline will set up the chair
The Committee will not have a song for this portion	
Drill Presentation –	The drill presentation has been cancelled
Honoring our armed forces –	Alex Herin will sing
Proclamation –	Councilwoman Amy Quaremba
Councilwoman Quaremba will introduce former Councilman Steven Slachta	
Recognition –	Mr. Slachta will recognize Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Vincent Fazio
Aisle of Flags –	Jan Farrington President American Legion Auxiliary
Musical Tribute –	The Committee will not be doing a musical tribute
Introduction of the Guest speaker –	Mr. Gillett suggested Mayor Simmons.
Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Mayor Simmons	
Guest Speaker –	General Ken Dyer
Presentation of Wreaths –	Auxiliary, VFW and Daughters of the American Revolution.
Reading –	Speaking will do the reading, Mr. Heron will sing.
Blue and Gold Star Banners	Mr. Slachta
Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Mr. Slachta to confirm.	
Drum Roll –	Former Councilman Richard Ferreira
21 gun salute –	Confirmed
Taps –	Confirmed
Chaplain –	Chaplain Jeff Chitwood
Honoring our armed forces –	Alex Herron will be singing
Tents –	Have been ordered
Techtronics –	Booked

Notes: The Auxiliary, VFW and DAR each bring their own wreaths.

Ms. Gilreath will make edits to the program draft and send it out to the committee.

Mr. Gillett made a special 20 minute DVD dedicated to the City of Bonita Springs and its Veterans. In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Veterans Day, Mr. Gillett recommends running the DVD on the City's local television station. Ms. Gillett had given it to someone on staff. Ms. Gilreath will look into the DVD and running it on the City's local station.

Mr. Prentki asked about the status of the flag holders needing replacement. Mr. Hunter stated there would be 98 flags presented. Mr. Hunter suggested meeting with representatives from the Parks and Recreation department so he could show them where the flag holders should go. Mr. Prentki would like this done

by Veterans Day. Ms. Gilreath will get in touch with Mr. Jaccarino at Parks and Recreation.

Mr. Hunter advised letting the Springs Church know about the Veterans Day Service so they know what to expect.

Mr. Gillette invited the Committee to a cocktail hour at Bonita Bay on Saturday night prior to the Veterans Day ceremony.

Mr. Hunter asked if we could get Antonio to interview General Dyer and Mr. Fazio. Ms. Gilreath will check with Ms. Taylor.

The Committee discussed the press release for the event.

- Councilwoman Quaremba suggested that they should reference that it is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Veterans Day.
- Mr. Gillett said to reference the Home Base Project and the guest speaker, General Dyer and the local veteran being honored, Colonel Fazio.
- Ms. Quaremba said to replicate the above in the proclamation.
- Ms. Quaremba suggested reaching out to the media to have them interview General Dyer and Colonel Fazio. Mr. Gillett mentioned that Mr. Fazio does not like to talk about his experience and may not be comfortable with being interviewed.
- Mr. Gillett said to list the Home Base Golf Tournament, which will be held the following day. Ms. Gilreath will have to check to see if they can do that since it is a private event.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF September 6, 2018.

***Ms. Pirucki made a motion to accept the minutes of September 6, 2018, Mr. Gillett seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

VII. UPDATE ON BRICK SALES

Mr. Hunter reported that so far they have orders for seven bricks. Mr. Hunter asked if the Committee would like to do the Veterans Day Brick for General Dyer and Colonel Fazio. After discussion, the Committee decided to present both men with bricks. Mr. Hunter is going to try to get the bricks installed before Veterans Day.

Mr. Hunter suggested the Mayor present the brick to General Dyer and Mr. Gillett will present the brick to Colonel Fazio.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gilreath had the following updates for the Committee:

- The resolution for Ms. Farrington to join the Veterans Advisory Committee will be on the November 7 City Council agenda.
- Holiday in the Park will be held on December 4, the first Tuesday of December, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- City Council will be holding a budget retreat on November 13, 2018 at 9 a.m. in Chambers. Committee members are welcome to attend.

Ms. Gilreath announced that a “Save the Date” press release for the Veterans Day Ceremony will issued when the date gets closer to the event.

Ms. Gilreath reported that they would be sending a press release to area newspapers and magazines, as well as posting it on social media and BTV. Ms. Gilreath said they would be sending 3000 flyers to the local schools for the ceremony.

Mr. Gillett asked if the City has the Banners. Ms. Gilreath reported they would be displayed for Veterans Day. Mr. Cobos is working with the company who does the installation. Ms. Gilreath will follow-up with Mr. Cobos to see where he is with the project.

Ms. Pirucki stated this will be her last meeting and thanked the Committee. Mr. Hunter said they appreciate her service on the Committee.

Mr. Gillett asked Ms. Gilreath to circulate the write-up for Mr. Fazio to the Committee and Mr. Slachta.

#### IX. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Winsett reported on his project to get free access for Veterans to local sports games. Mr. Winsett reached out to the contact in New Jersey where he heard about the program, but did not get a response. He will keep trying to find out more information. Mr. Winsett thinks that it would be nice if local high schools would let Veterans in free.

#### X. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting confirmed for Thursday, November 8, 2018. Mr. Hunter asked the Committee to email Kendra and let her know any updates on the event.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

***Ms. Pirucki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ron Winsett seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiamonte

Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Bobby Hunter

Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: 3-14-14

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