

**Veterans Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, March 14th, 2019, 5:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**City of Bonita Springs**  
**9101 Bonita Beach Road, City Council Chambers**  
**Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

**AGENDA**

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Farrington led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

**Present**

Bobby Hunter  
Paul Canning  
Scott Cline  
Jan Farrington  
Adam Prentki  
Ron Winsett  
Bob Gillette

**Staff**

Kendra Gilreath

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. MEMORIAL DAY DISCUSSION

Ms. Gilreath presented the Memorial Day Program. Ms. Gilreath advised the Committee needs to select a guest speaker.

Mr. Prentki would like to do something different this year for Memorial Day. He would like to bring back the casket ceremony. Mr. Prentki explained the ceremony for those who are not familiar:

- Casket sits up front covered with flag
- Fold the flag, read the meaning of each fold.
- 21 Gun Salute
- Service men in uniform carry the casket to the hearse.

Mr. Prentki will write up the script on how the ceremony is to be conducted.

Mr. Prentki would like to add more music.

Committee members recommend Mr. Scott Grissom from the American Legion as the guest speaker.

***Mr. Prentki asked if all were in favor of asking Mr. Grissom, all in favor, motion passed unanimously.***

If Mr. Grissom is not available, Mr. Prentki will ask the Legion if they could recommend someone else.

VI. WOUNDED WARRIORS GAME- BOB GILLETTE

Mr. Gillette reported on the Wounded Warriors Baseball game. The game will be between the fire and police departments and amputee warriors the day before Veterans Day at Veterans Park. This is something that the City of Bonita Springs should promote.

Two of the Amputee Warriors, Carlo Adame and Matt Kinsey, will be speakers on Veterans Day, which was approved at the last meeting. The Committee decided to have the game at 7 p.m. the day before Veterans Day.

***Motion made to tell Ms. Taylor that the Veterans Committee needs the ballpark the day before Veterans Day, November 10 at 7 p.m., Mr. Prentki seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

***Mr. Prentki made a motion to direct staff to request \$5000 to be allocated to the budget to pay for staff time, sound equipment and bleachers for the game, Mr. Winsett seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

***Mr. Prentki made a motion to accept the January 20, 2019, minutes, Ms. Farrington seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

VIII. UPDATE ON BRICK SALES

Mr. Hunter has 14 bricks that need to be installed. Mr. Hunter would like to check the calendar for next Saturday, March 23 at 9 a.m. to install the bricks. Mr. Hunter asked the Committee to please stop by.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gillette stated Saturday, March 23, 2019, at 12 noon, the Legion Post is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Legion. The ceremony is going to kick off at noon. There will be food and entertainment.

Mr. Gillette explained there is a gentleman in Naples who builds models and built a five-foot replica of the battleship Missouri. It is pristine with a glass case around it. There were bids out for this piece, Man speaking put in a bid with the intention of giving it to the American Legion Post 303. Mr. Hunter asked if he had flyers that he could send to Ms. Gilreath. Mr. Gillette thinks the more publicity the better off it will be for the City and the American Legion.

Ms. Farrington stated on Thursday, March 28, the department president would be visiting their post. Ms. Farrington is going to bring her over to the park to show her the aisle of flags and the memorial. If anyone would like to meet her, they are welcome to come over to the post.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Winsett asked Mr. Hunter about the Veterans being able to attend High School games at a discount. Mr. Hunter said he will follow-up with Steve Slachta. Mr. Gillette asked if Mr. Hunter reaches Mr. Slachta; please invite him to the celebration for the American Legion's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on March 23.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

***The Committee confirmed April 11, 2019, for the next Veterans Advisory Board Meeting.***

XII. ADJOURNMENT

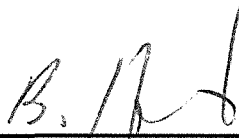
***Mr. Hunter asked for a motion to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,



Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:



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Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: 5-9-19

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