

Veterans Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 11, 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 5:33 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Staff

Kendra Gilreath
Amy Quaremba

Guest

Steven Slachta

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary E. Landry, retired Rear Admiral with the U.S. Coast Guard Coast Guard and Bonita Bay resident, addressed the Committee about an exciting event the first Week of May.

Rise to Glory
FineMark Women's Pro Tennis Championship
May 6 – 12, 2019
Time: Matches start at 11:30 a.m.
Place: Bonita Bay Club Sports Center

Rear Admiral Landry invited the Committee to Veterans and First Responders Day on Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Veterans and First Responders receive free admission and a bottle of water.

The Committee thanked Rear Admiral Landry for coming in to address the Committee.

V. MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING

The Committee went over the plan for the Memorial Day ceremony.

- Mr. Slachta said he would take care of the chaplain.
- Marine Corps League will do the posting of the colors.
- Mr. Hunter will do the pledge of allegiance.
- Ms. Farrington will do a short narrative.
- National Anthem
- Dedication of the POW and MIA
- Opening remarks
- Introduce the Mayor
- Musical Tribute
- Councilwoman Quaremba will read the Proclamation
- To be decided - introduction of the guest speaker
- Ms. Kathy O'Hearn will do the flag dedication
- Laying of the wreaths
- Three Camps Drum Roll
- Twenty-one gun salute
- Taps
- Folding of the Flag

Mr. Gillette would like to have something in the program thanking Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home for their participation.

- Chaplain would do the closing prayer
- Mr. Hunter - concluding remarks
- Final Song

The event will start at 9 a.m.

Mr. Hunter will reach out to Troupe 109.

VI. WOUNDED WARRIORS GAME DISCUSSION

Ms. Gilreath asked if the Committee had any questions or would like to discuss.

The Committee discussed confirming that opening ceremonies will start on Sunday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

Mr. Hunter will reach out about the color guard and the horse and confirm the truck with the flag.

Tentative program:

- Players come on the fields.

- Mr. Hunter will reach out Shelby to see if she can sing the national anthem.
- They need someone for the invocation.
- Mr. Hunter asked if the ball field has been reserved. Mr. Gillette replied yes.
- Mr. Hunter asked if the Concession stands were prepared, Ms. Gilreath would contact the little league to find out.
- Mr. Hunter asked Ms. Gilreath to check with Mr. Jaccarino to make sure the lights and sound equipment are working.

Mr. Slachta said the Marine Corps has helped the Committee out a lot, is there anything they can do for them; he suggested a plaque or trophy. Ms. Gilreath will look into it. The Committee discussed doing something during concluding remarks. Mr. Prentki said they would work on it.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF March 14, 2019.

Ms. Farrington made a motion to accept the March 14, 2019, minutes, Mr. Prentki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gillette remarked that the donated ship is fantastic and very cool. Mr. Grissom came over to accept the ship for American Legion Post 303.

VIII. UPDATE ON BRICK SALES

Mr. Hunter announced there is nothing new on brick sales.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gilreath reported that Mr. Ellis is resigning due to health issues.

Mr. Cline made a motion to accept Mr. Ellis' resignation with deep regrets, Mr. Prentki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hunter asked if anyone was close to Mr. Ellis, let the Committee know if there is anything they can do to help.

Mr. Prentki noted they should advertise the vacancy. Ms. Gilreath will look into it.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting date confirmed for May 14, 2019, all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hunter asked for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Cline so moved; meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:



Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: 7/12/19

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