

Veterans Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 9th, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
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 at 5:31 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Jan Farrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobby Hunter
Scott Cline
Jan Farrington
Adam Prentki III
Bob Gillette

Staff

Kendra Gilreath
Amy Quaremba

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING

Mr. Hunter reported the Boy Scouts would lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Hunter reported the pastor is confirmed and he will get the pastors name to Ms. Gilreath.

Richard Ferreira will be there with the snare drums.

Ms. Gilreath reported that she has reached out to Signs Now in Fort Myers for the plaque for the Marine Corps Leagues. Ms. Gilreath needs more specifics on wording and style. Mr. Prentki will send Ms. Gilreath a rough draft so she can work with Signs Now.

VI. WOUNDED WARRIORS GAME DISCUSSION

Ms. Gilreath reported that the baseball field has been reserved and all the lights and electrical components are working. Ms. Gilreath has spoken to Billy Cobb, President of the Bonita Little League, and he has someone for concessions.

Ms. Gilreath asked if Mr. Hunter had reached out to his contact for the color guard and the fire truck with the flag. Mr. Hunter noted that Mr. Canning is taking care of the firetruck with the flag.

Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Shelby to sing the National Anthem.

Mr. Hunter will work on a flyer.

The Committee discussed the Memorial Day program.

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. Posting of colors
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. National Anthem will go next to Jan's name
6. Dedication of POW and MIA
7. Opening remarks
8. Musical tribute to Armed services
9. Proclamation
10. Introduction of guest speaker
11. Guest Speaker
12. Move presentation under need name label Special presentation
13. Dedication of the aisle of flags
14. Laying of the Wreaths
15. Musical Tribute
16. Laying of the colors
17. 3 camp drum roll
18. 21 gun salute
19. Taps
20. Closing prayer
21. Concluding remarks
22. Closing musical tribute

Ms. Gilreath noted the program would include a brief thank you to the Bonita Funeral Home for the donation of the casket and the hearse.

Ms. Gilreath We are looking for a water sponsor to have water on stage. Committee members will make sure there are a couple of cases of water on stage.

Ms. Gilreath will make the edits to the program and send out to the Committee for review.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF April 11th, 2019.

Correction - Item VII, it was Scott Grissom who accepted the ship for the American Legion.

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

Ms. Farrington made a motion to accept the April 11, 2019 minutes as corrected above, Mr. Prentki seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UPDATE ON BRICK SALES

No updates at this time.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hunter reported that Mr. Lombardo from the Rotary reached out to him regarding a 72-year-old Veteran who needs some help. Mr. Gillette stated this type of thing comes up and the Committee should give some thought to the aging population of Veterans in Bonita Springs. There are resources out there but they do not meet all the needs. Mr. Hunter reached out to the Bonita Springs Assistance Office and they are working on some Veterans services for him. Mr. Hunter also sent email to the Veterans group at Bonita Bay.

Man speaking stated the Veteran is in good hands and everything is being handled, so no decision is necessary tonight, however, he thinks they should all think about how to assist these people. Mr. Prentki will bring more information at next meeting so they can discuss.

The Committee discussed the funds raised from the Brick sales and if those funds could be used to offer assistance if needed. Ms. Gilreath printed out the resolution on how the Veterans Committee can use the funds. Ms. Quaremba spoke about groups that could assist Veterans in need and the use of Committee funds.

X. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cline stated he saw Mr. Ellis and relayed that the Committee was asking how he was doing and if he needed anything. Mr. Ellis stated he has had some health issues, but is doing fine and thanked the Committee for their support.

Man speaking asked about the vacancy left by Mr. Ellis' resignation. Ms. Gilreath stated they have received an application and she will get that organized and before Council. Mr. Prentki stated he would be interested in seeing the resolution and the break down. Ms. Gilreath will send it out.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting confirmed for June 13, 2019.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

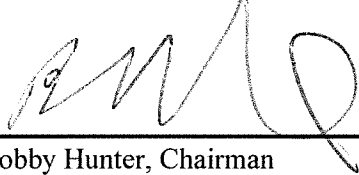
Mr. Prentki made a motion to adjourn; all in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:



Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: 7-12-19

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