

Veterans Advisory Committee
Thursday, February 13, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
City 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 5:29 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Farrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present

Bobby Hunter
Scott Cline
Jan Farrington
Adam Prentki
Ron Winsett
Scot Grissom
Steven Slachta
Bob Gillette

Staff

Kendra Gilreath
Jesus Cobos

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. MEMORIAL DAY PLANNING

Ms. Gilreath asked for suggestions for a guest speaker for Memorial Day. Ms. Gilreath also asked that the Committee let her know of any organizations they would like staff to contact. Ms. Gilreath will send the Committee a copy of last year's program.

Mr. Gillette knows of a speaker for Memorial Day and would be happy to reach out. Both husband and wife are retired Coast Guard. Mr. Gillette will reach out.

VI. DISCUSSION OF VETERANS MOMUMENT PIECES FROM IRMA DAMAGE

Ms. Gilreath shared pictures of the pieces of the monument that were damaged in Hurricane Irma. They need the pieces moved out of the new skate park to a new location and Ms. Gilreath asked if the Committee knew of an organization that might be interested. Mr. Hunter asked if they could get measurements and look at it. The Committee discussed the equipment needed to move it. Mr. Hunter asked if the Committee could reach out to the VFW and American Legion to see if they would be interested. Mr. Hunter can reach out to the company that moved it originally to see what it would cost.

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

Mr. Prentki made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Cline seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. UPDATE ON BRICK SALES

Mr. Hunter reported that the bricks are in. Mr. Hunter will make arrangements with the people who ordered the bricks and find out which Saturday would work best for them for the installation and let the Committee know.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gilreath reported that this is her last meeting, she has accepted a new position in Virginia. The Committee thanked and congratulated Ms. Gilreath. Ms. Gilreath introduced Mr. Cobos who will be filling in as liaison to the Committee.

Mr. Gillette directed the Committee to look at the resume for retired Coast Guard Rear Admiral, Mary E. Landry. Mr. Gillette recommended Rear Admiral Landry as speaker for Veterans Day and her husband for Memorial Day.

Mr. Gillette asked for a motion to ask Ms. Landry to be the speaker at Veterans Day, motion seconded, all in favor; motion carried unanimously.

Board member made a motion to have Mr. Landry be the speaker for Memorial Day if he is available, all in favor; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gillette suggested doing a special event for WWII Veterans for the anniversary of VE Day, May 8, 2020. Mr. Gillette stated it would not be a City event and suggested the event be held at Post 303. Mr. Slachta asked for a few days to speak to Mr. Grissom. Mr. Slachta stated they'll discuss it and work out a few details.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Next meeting confirmed for March 12, 2020.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member made a motion to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte 10-06-2020

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Electronic approval by Corporal Bobby Hunter

Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: 10/9/20

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