

**Approved Minutes  
Veterans Memorial Committee  
Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.  
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post #5627,  
5051 Branchville Road, College Park, MD 20740**

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Deloris Cass   | _____          | <u>  X  </u>  |
| Joseph Ruth    | <u>  X  </u>   | _____         |
| Rita Zito      | _____          | <u>  X  </u>  |
| Tom Davis      | <u>  X  </u>   | _____         |
| Doris Davis    | <u>  X  </u>   | _____         |
| Arthur Eaton   | _____          | _____         |
| Seth Gomoljak  | <u>  X  </u>   | _____         |

**Also Present:**

**Bob Stumpff, Public Works Director; Councilmember, Mary Cook District 4; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.**

**1. Review and approval of 20 January 2016 Minutes**

Mr. Davis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Ruth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

**2. Discuss and Finalize Memorial Day Ceremony**

**Reading of KIA from College Park**

- Mr. Gomoljak has a list of College Park residents who were died in the line of service. The Prince George's County Historical Society had a pamphlet from a World War One remembrance event in 1919. There are four people who died in service. Unfortunately, the document only says it is for Branchville, Berwyn, Beltsville and College Park. The Committee agreed that these names should be added to the list.

**Music**

- The deejay has been ordered. Melissa Sites will sing Amazing Grace after the names have been read. Taps will be sung after the benediction. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Melissa will lead the Star Spangled Banner.
- Mr. Davis has arranged the Color Guard.

- The invocation will be from Ivy Christoffers. Ms. Davis will contact Ms. Christoffers.
- The Boy Scouts will ring a bell after Mr. Davis reads each name.
- There will be some 3 by 5 index cards so people can write names of deceased family that Mr. Davis can then be read aloud.
- The Mayor will welcome all to the event and then recognize the council members who are present will be given a certain amount of time.

### **Luncheon**

- The luncheon has been arranged by the supervisor at the American Legion and Mr. Davis. The food will be vegetable soup, sandwich, beverage and cake.
- Mr. Stumpff will have a check for the American Legion 217 for the amount of \$350.00

### **Water**

- Mr. Davis will purchase the water and bring it to Public Works. Mr. Stumpff will make sure the coolers with ice and water are at the event.

### **Signs**

- Mr. Stumpff will purchase more signs from Minutemen Press

### **Advertising**

- Mr. Gomoljak will have a press release as well as the signs and flyers

### **Other**

- Guests will be able to bring pictures of deceased military family. Public Works will bring two tables and table cloths to display the photographs.

### **VFW will be handing out Buddy Poppies at event**

- Mr. Gomoljak stated this is all set.

### **3. Old Business**

- Flags along the walkway. There will be alternating Maryland flags and American Flags up the walkway. Mr. Davis motioned to purchase Maryland flags in addition to the American flags. Mr. Ruth seconded the motion. All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**
- The seals need to be stamped by Yvette Allen.

### **4. New Business**

- Boy Scouts will hand out patriotic pencils to the children and American Flag pins to the adult guests.

### **5. What should we do with all the images and video we have of past events?**

The committee will think about what to do with these images and discuss later

### **6. Can we put the KIA from War World 1, Korea, and Vietnam on the Memorial?**

The names could be put on bronze plaques and then secured to the memorial.

The plaques can be put into the concrete but it's not 100% steal proof. Mr. Stumpff will contact the company who worked on the monument to discuss this idea. The council needs to know the cost so they can add it to the budget.

**7. Veterans Day, any thoughts on what we would like to do? Contest for the schools, "What Veterans Day Means to Them?"**

Mr. Gomoljak suggested asking students to write an essay on "What Veteran's Day Means to Me" and the winner would present their work instead of finding a speaker. The winner would also receive a \$50.00 gift certificate.

Another possibility is Monsignor Carl. Mr. Davis will inquire with the Catholic priest.

**8. Set date and time for next meeting.**

June 16, 2016 to recap Memorial Day

September 15, 2016 at 6:00p.m. for Veteran's Day

**9. Adjournment**

Mr. Davis motioned to adjourn. Mr. Ruth seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 4-0-0**

**Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary**