

Minutes
Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee
Wednesday, May 7, 2014
7:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Deloris Cass	_____	<u> X </u>
Joseph Ruth	<u> X </u>	_____
Leonard Smith	_____	<u> X </u>
Rita Zito	<u> X </u>	_____
Tom Davis	<u> X </u>	_____
Doris Davis	<u> X </u>	_____
Mary Cook	<u> X </u>	_____
Arthur Eaton	<u> X </u>	_____

Also Present:

Bob Stumpff, Public Works Director; Julie Beavers, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

1. Review and Approval of the March 12, 2014 minutes

Ms. Zito moved to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Cook seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 6-0-0**

2. Review and Discussion of Memorial Day Program

- **Program Speaker and Music – Doris**
Brian Bertges, the Coordinator of Veteran Student Life at the University of Maryland.
Mr. Ruth will be the backup speaker in case Mr. Bertges is not there.
Sandra Caracciolo, a soloist at the National Cathedral will sing the National Anthem and God Bless America
- **Publicity – Mary**

Ms. Cook spoke with Yvette Allen about adding information to the Municipal Scene in the Gazette. Ms. Allen is working on having the information on the College Park cable channel.

Ms. Cook has a press release for different newspapers. The flyers will be distributed to different locations around the City. Ms. Cook is searching Facebook for Veteran sites.

Signs will be put at different sites throughout the City. Ten (10) were ordered. Ms. Cook will contact the College Park Civic Associations.

- **Luncheon and Water – Tom**

Mr. Davis has been in contact with Gary at the American Legion and they have reserved the hall in case it rains. Mr. Davis will work within the \$350.00 budget. Ms. Cook will purchase water from Costco.

- **Photography and availability of Ms. Colonomos**

Mr. Eaton will be there to photograph and Ms. Colonomos will be available to be the sign language interpreter.

- **Old Flags – Bob and Tom**

The flag container will be at the ceremony to collect old flags.

- **Photo Holders- Tom**

Due to Mr. Davis' surgery he is unable to make the stands to hold the pictures. Instead, Mrs. Davis purchased photo holders. Any pictures that do not fit in the holder can be laid down.

- **Public Works – Bob**

Public Works will provide three (3) table cloths.

- **Plantings – Rita**

The Tulips were beautiful this year.

Brenda Alexander has reported that the summer plantings should arrive soon. Planting should take place with the Boy Scouts on May 17th.

3. Old Business

Mrs. Davis has not heard from Ivy Christoffers. Mrs. Davis has heard that Ms. Christoffers has been ill. If she cannot be present for the event, Mr. Ruth will give the Benediction.

4. New Business

Mr. Stumpff will bring the tent for the event.

Mrs. Davis received a phone call from Peggy McGee, former Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince Georges County and is currently running for the position. She is a veteran, has worked on Air Force One and would like to speak at the ceremony.

Mrs. Davis explained that the event has a speaker for this year and they try to not have someone who is running for office.

Patrick Cavanagh, Jr. will hopefully be available to do Taps. If not, Melissa Sites. If she is unable to play Taps then there will be an audio recording.

Mr. Ruth motioned to allocate \$80.00 for Mrs. Zito to purchase Tulip bulbs as gifts for the Veterans Day gifts. Ms. Cook seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 6-0-0**

5. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, August 13, 2014

6. Adjournment

Mrs. Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Cook seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 6-0-0**

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers