

Approved Minutes
Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Davis Hall

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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>	_____
Mary Cook	<u> X </u>	_____
Arthur Eaton	<u> X </u>	_____ (arrived at 7:25 p.m.)
Seth Gomoljak	<u> X </u>	_____

Also Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Appointment of Chairman for 2015 (Per Charter)

Chair was appointed in January, 2015.

2. Review and approval of April 29, 2015 Minutes

Mr. Davis motioned to approve the minutes as submitted.

3. Discussion of November Veterans Day Ceremony

• **Speaker – Mary**

Mr. Gomoljak found a speaker. Joe from the VFW is a Navy combat Persian Gulf War Veteran.

• **Music – Mary**

The College Park Choral Group will perform

• **Gifts – Rita**

There are plenty of bookmarks left and will be distributed to the Veterans

• **Luncheon – Tom**

Mrs. Davis motioned to have a luncheon at the American Legion with a budget up to \$350.00. Mrs. Zito seconded the motion.

All were in favor. **The motion passed 5-0-0**

- **Photography – Arthur**

Mr. Eaton will take the photos during the ceremony.

- **Signs - Public Works – Bob**

Mr. Stumpff stated there are three (3) signs at Public Works. Several members have some. Mrs. Zito has two (2). Ms. Cook has some as well and will make sure they are placed around the city before Veterans Day

- **Advertising**

Mr. Gomoljak presented the new flyers to the Committee.

Mrs. Davis reported that she took the Veterans Day flyers to Attick Towers and Angie Melton assured her that residents of the Towers would attend but they did not. Ms. Melton assured Mrs. Davis that they would have a bus to transport the residents. One issue with that is it was a holiday but if she contacted them they could work around the holiday. Ms. Cook stated that Carl Patterson, a board member of Attick Towers, has in the past stated the residents do not want to attend. Mr. Davis stated the City of College Park Cable Channel does not advertise the Veterans Memorial events. They could run Mr. Eaton's pictures through on a slideshow.

Mr. Gomoljak will distribute the flyers and Ms. Cook will write, send out the press release and send it to Mr. Gomoljak.

- **Thank you notes – Doris**

Ms. Davis will write the thank you notes this year.

- **Water**

Mr. Davis will purchase the water from Costco and deliver to Davis Hall.

- **Other**

Ms. Zito will contact the few home schooled Boy Scouts as well as the leaders. Ms. Cook will contact Jill James from the Holy Redeemer Girl Scout Troop for the

Joe Ruth will do the Benediction and the Invocation.

Mr. Davis will emcee

The person in charge of the sound will play each military branches' service song. Ms. Cook will ask if the Choral Group will sing Taps. If not, Ms. Cook will see if Melissa Sites will sing or if the sound guy can play a recording.

Mr. Stumpff will make sure the can to collect old flags will be at the ceremony.

One table will be provided to hold the programs and a few other items.

Ms. Davis asked Ms. Cook to look at the gift that is given to the speaker of the ceremony. If it does not have a gold seal on it then it needs to be taken to the Assistant City Clerk, Yvette Allen, to be fixed. Ms. Allen will order a wreath for the City of College Park. Mr. Davis will order a check through the City and pick up a few days before Veteran's Day.

4. Old Business

- University of Maryland Veterans Day Program – Rita
If the Committee is invited then someone should go.

5. New Business

- **Plantings – Rita**
The begonias did well. Ms. Zito and the Boy Scouts will plant soon.
- **Wreaths Across America**
The semi trucks will arrive in College Park on December 11th. The Branchville Fire Department will have breakfast for them at 5:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Then members of the fire department will process to the monument to place the wreath. Last year, the wreath lasted from December until Easter. There was a flag from each branch of the military on the wreath.
- If Ms. Cook wins a Council seat then she will continue to come as a visitor to the meetings.
- **Recruitment of members:**
The Committee was asked to think about finding new members.

6. Next Meeting Date:

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Davis Hall 7:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Julie Beavers, Contract Secretary