

**Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee**  
**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**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 7:07 p.m. Therefore missed the first motion)
Seth Gomoljak	<u>  X  </u>	_____

**Also Present:**

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

**The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.**

**1. Review and approval of March 18, 2015 Minutes**

Mr. Davis moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Ruth seconded the motion.

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

**2. Discussion of May Memorial Day Ceremony**

• Speaker – Mary

Army cadet, Tyquita Jackson, is currently a student at the University of Maryland, College Park. She'll send a bio and draft of her speech bio in the next few weeks.

Former Mayor, Ana Owens, will speak about Amelia Murdoch if she is well. She is currently performing research and has pictures of Amelia. If she doesn't have enough photographs then Jim McFadden has a collage to supplement.

Ms. Davis will email photos of Mr. Hazard to Ms. Cook and will contact the Berwyn Baptist Church. She will send a special invitation to the Church to attend the ceremony. The Committee will post a photo of Mr. Hazard with his obituary underneath.

• Music – Doris

Ms. Davis' neighbor has to work so he will be unable to participate. Melissa Sites will try to get the College Park Chorale group to perform and will send the selection of music before the program is written. Patrick Cavanagh will be able to play Taps. He will be graduating this year from college and the Committee will recognize his help at the ceremonies and accomplishments in school.

- Luncheon – Tom

Mr. Davis will speak with Gary at the Legion and will inform Ms. Cook about the menu.

If the menu needs to be adjusted from the BBQ, etc. the Committee will accept the necessary changes.

- Photography – Arthur

Mr. Eaton will speak with the Gazette about posting a picture in the newspaper. Ms. Colonomos is available to be the sign language interpreter.

Lisa Ealley provided contact information for the Holy Redeemer Girl Scouts who might be able to help with the display of the veterans. Public Works will provide an easel and paper for guests to write memories of their families. The paper will then be displayed at the Legion. Public Works will provide tables and table cloths.

- Videography – Seth

The posters have been created and are on 8x11 paper. Ms. Davis will need ten posters to be distributed by Angie Burns at Attick Towers and Spellman House. Ms. Zito will post the posters on the trolley path in Calvert Hills, Berwyn and Duvall Field and Mom's Market. Mr. Stumpff will like 3 for Public Works.

There is an advertisement for the College Park TV Channel and it's on the website. Mr. Davis will speak with City staff about putting the video on the cable channel.

- Signs - Public Works – Bob/Mary

Mr. Stumpff will speak with the Public Works crew that if they pull a sign out of the ground for mowing they should replace them.

The dates will be changed and they will be put in the ground after May 16th.

- Press – Mary/Seth

Ms. Cook will write a press release and send it to Mr. Gomoljak.

- Monument – Bob

Public Works will power wash the monument and then have the flag poles cleaned which is done every other year. The recent SHA roadwork cracked the sidewalk and the Hunt Valley Construction will come back and fix the crack after Memorial Day.

Ms. Cook spoke with Terry Schum about purchasing the Cass property. She will email Ms. Schum again and also CC some council members.

- Flowers -- Rita  
Brenda Alexander has ordered the flowers and they will arrive on the 11<sup>th</sup>. The Boy Scouts are planning to plant on the 9<sup>th</sup>. The Scouts will just dig up the old bulbs and prep the soil if the new bulbs haven't arrived. Mr. Stumpff will speak with Ms. Alexander to see if they could move the date before the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Program- Ms. Davis  
Mr. Davis will be the emcee.  
Benediction- Mr. Ruth will read his poem before he says the Benediction.  
Laying of wreaths- VFW post 5627 and men's auxiliary should be credited for their work.  
Sound system- Mr. Stumpff will take care of the sound. The music of each branch of the military will be played.  
Invocation- Ms. Cook will contact Ivy Christoffers. If Ms. Christoffers can't do it then Mr. Stumpff will ask the campus ministry at the University.
- Senior Programs- Doris  
Ms Davis worked with Angie Burns. She will try to coordinate the 2 buses and the bus drivers who have Memorial Day off. Ms. Burns believes there are residents at both Attick Towers and Spellman House who would like to attend the ceremony. She will ask them to bring their pictures with a label of information.  
Mr. Stumpff will make sure there is a tent for the elderly.
- Water- Tom  
Mr. Davis will purchase 4 cases of the little water bottles from Costco. Whatever isn't used will be then used for Veteran's Day. Mr. Stumpff will supply the ice and make sure the bottles are chilled.
- Jim Robertson- Doris  
Mr. Robertson is retiring from the photography business.

### **3. New Business**

- Recruitment of members  
Ms. Cook asked that the Committee start looking for new members.
- Thank you letters  
Ms. Cook will write thank you letters to Mr. Leonard Smith and Mr. Jerry Anzulovic for their time on the committee.
- Disposal of Flags-  
Mr. Stumpff will have the trash cans present to dispose of the flags.

### **4. Next Meeting Date:**

Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. at Davis Hall

**5. Adjournment**

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

**All were in favor the motion 7-0-0**

**The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.**

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