

Arnold Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: March 15, 2017
Time: 4:00 P.M.

Place: Arnold City Hall
2101 Jeffco Blvd.
Arnold, MO 63010

Present: David "Moose" McArthur II
Carolyn Doty
Julie Rose
Syl Biermann
Rick Matheny
Gary Plunk
Vernon Sullivan

Guests: Tommy Aubuchon
Anna

1. Opening: Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes from last meeting: Motion made by Carolyn seconded by Julie.
3. Introductions - Tommy came to view the meeting and is a potential member. Anna also came to view the meeting for a School Project.
4. A motion was made by Moose to accept Tommy into the Commission pending the Council's approval. Motion unanimously carried.
5. We discussed new ways to recruit new members. Going through the City's web page, getting an article put in the Rock and the Leader newspapers.
6. A motion was made by Moose to replace him as Chairman with Syl Biermann. Motion unanimously carried. Syl advised he will temporally accept if in the future we replace him "with someone more qualified."

7. Gary advised that right now we should just focus on getting 1 Veteran, 1 member from the VFW and then concentrate on the Arnold Days booth and Veteran's Day Parade.
8. Moose addressed the Council Liaisons about recruiting a Council member into the Commission. Gary advised that it is not allowed.
9. It was also brought up that the meeting times are not convenient for potential members to make. Gary advised we e-mail Bryan Richison and ask him to give us 4 different dates and times that the room would be available.
10. Last meeting we discussed having the next Veterans on the Commission have been out for 10 years before even considering them for the elimination process. We decided unanimously that it is not going to help, therefore there will be no limit on how many years the Veterans have been out of service.
11. Moose is to e-mail Kim at the Leader to write an article about the Commission to recruit new members. It was decided that the potential members will contact City Hall and then their information will be given to the Commission for perusal.
12. We discussed having our own e-mail address to be used only by the Commission. Rick volunteered to check into it with the IT department.
13. Tommy asked about doing a back ground check on potential new members. Moose volunteered to check with Bryan.
14. We also discussed the upcoming event Veterans and Jefferson County Community Resource where we will man a booth. Carolyn, Julie and Syl advised they would attend. Rick has to check his schedule to see if he is available.
15. It was unanimously voted to have Rick step up to be the Vice Chair.
16. Carolyn still has a flag that was flown over Iraq. We are going to hang onto it until we find the right home for it.
17. Moose informed the group we potentially could be addressed by Ron Clark in regards to a park for Veterans. It has not been decided where the park will be.
18. Syl asked about the trailer. We were advised it is still open and if we want to look into it, we are to go to Public Works and speak to Ed.

19. Carolyn advised the group that the magnets that have our logo on them are not useable as they are. Moose will talk to Bryan about getting smaller ones.

Adjournment: Motion made by Carolyn and seconded by Rick.

Next Regular Meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017

Respectfully Submitted by Julie Rose, Secretary