

Garner Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

White Deer Park

~~March 28, 2019 - 9:05~~^{am}

- A) Call meeting to order: 0905 by Secretary Jeff Hicks
- a. Attending: Jeff Hicks, Don Searles, Terry Chatfield, Rob Smith, Bob Carter, Spence Cardwell, Katie Lockhart
 - b. Public: Tim Stevens, Helen Carter
 - c. Absent: Charles Scott, Richard Ripley, Willis McCoy, Keith Darlington
 - d. Excused: Ronnie Williams
 - e. Minutes from December 17, 2018 meeting - Terry made a motion to accept, 2nd by Don, motion carried.
- B) Report from Standing Committees
- Observances:
- a) Memorial Day 2019: Katie reported
 - Park reserved
 - Terry will be emcee again, but last time. He will also get wreath.
 - Mayor is locked in for remarks
 - Keith will do invocation
 - Denise Galloway from St. Ambrose church confirmed
 - JROTC from Garner Magnet HS will present/retire of colors
 - Pledge - asking cub scouts again
 - National Anthem - asked performance choir from the Arc - but need confirmation
 - Keynote speaker still not set
 - Veterans organizations will lay wreath again
 - Keith Comstock will do Taps again
 - Explorer Club (sponsored by AL Post 232) will hand out programs
 - Jeff asked about the Legion having their picnic ahead of the program (11:30 - 12:30) under the trees). Will provide hot dogs, chips and water for the crowd. (no cooking allowed. Could use tables and chairs.
 - b) Veterans Day 2019 - Tuesday Nov 11, 2019, at 11:30^{AM} - Reported by Katie
 - Made request for church in 2019 but already booked. Will look into reserving Garner Performing Arts Center
 - VFW will provide 350-450 flags again
 - Tours before and after program - will do even though program at GPAC
 - Mini concert ahead of pgm, and passing out the flags by VFW & AL
 - c) Gold Star Families Event (Dec, 2019)
 - d) Independence Day 2019 - park reserved for July 3
 - b. Maintenance of Memorial (Rob) - Jeff noted mildew on the granite, and sent a note
- C) Unfinished business:
- a. Moving Wall - discussed getting approval from Town Council for support from Police Dept, Parks and Rec, etc. Jeff and Don will put together a proposal for Jeff and Tim to take to the Town Council meeting. Katie mentioned that she saw something about the NC History museum also interested in getting the wall.
 - b. NC Works info about employee related intensive services
 - c. Military Spouse Appreciation Day program at Contemporary Art museum in downtown Raleigh (409 W Martin Street) on May 10, 1600-1900 hours

D) New business:

- a. Time for electing new officers to begin their term for the June meeting. The following were nominated: Chairman - Don Searles, Vice Chairman - Jeff Hicks, Secretary is opened. Hearing none other, they were elected. Bob Carter will act as acting Secretary until one is elected.
- b. Rob mentioned that the Town is doing their 5 year plan for Parks and Recs and need to know about anything coming up. So is there anything we want from 2020 forward? Since our request for the Wall is in 2020, would we need to include that in the plan for the town?

E) Reports of Vets Organizations:

- a. VFW, Aux - Bob Carter.
 - a) Will have our annual Memorial Day event at Montlawn at 11:00 ^{AM}. Terry noted that the Legion Riders will not be available on Saturday to help put out the flags.
- b. AL, SAL, Riders, Aux - Don.
 - b) Nothing else new.

Close at 9:35 ^{AM} and will meet again in June 10.