

Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee
April 18, 2017

College Park City Hall
4500 Knox Road
College Park, MD

FINAL MINUTES

<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> _____
Arthur Eaton	_____	<u>X</u> _____
Seth Gomoljak	<u>X</u> _____	_____

Also Present:

Bob Stumpff, Public Works Director; Joi Woods, Recording Secretary

1. Call the meeting to order.

Mr. Gomoljak called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. New Business

A. Chick-fil-A

Committee Members engaged in discussion about creating a positive relationship with *Chick-fil-A*, a new business neighbor of the Veteran’s Memorial.

- Prince George’s County makes the final decision; College Park conveys the city’s needs and wants
- Creating terms and conditions related to shared parking lot usage and a water sub-meter to track the amount of water used at the Memorial. The city of College Park pays for the percentage of water used.

B. Veterans Memorial Plaques

- Mr. Stumpff is looking into the purchase of concrete plaques for the Memorial. He is currently seeking a company who can make, install, and maintain the plaques
- The Plaques are approximately \$2,000 each; Price quotes are in progress
- Mr. Stumpff will provide an update including costs at next meeting where the Committee can vote

- The Committee also discussed:
 - Hosting a public Ceremony to dedicate the new plaques on Memorial Day 2018
 - Updating the Dedication plaque- the Committee decided not to make any changes to the Dedication plaque

C. Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony

Committee members engaged in discussion about details and logistics for the Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony.

- Ceremony will be the same as last year
- Mr. Gomoljak will put out a notice to participate, so that residents can share photos to honor their loved ones who served in US wars and conflicts and attend the event.
- Mr. Gomoljak will also contact other members of the committee, Tom and Doris Davis to secure participation of ceremony performers including a MC to ring the bell, a singer for the *National Anthem*, and a musician to play *Taps*.
- Mrs. Zito will contact the Scouts
- An electronic display will be used on Duval Field to promote the event pending approval from
The Mayor and City Council.
- Mrs. Zito will work on gift ideas photos and/or planting. Planting gifts include Bay and Rosemary, Bay represents valor and victory, Rosemary represents gratitude and remembrance. An additional gift Idea to incorporate historic Veterans Memorial Photos was also discussed.

3. Adjournment

Mr. Gomoljak adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Joi Woods Contract Secretary