The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Chairman Grant at 5:30 p.m.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:
Commissioner Delfs made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Financials:
Chairman Grant notes that there are more 2016 Flood costs shown in the provided November and December billing reports. E.D. Jager updates the Commission that while he is unaware of the City of Cedar Rapids’ FEMA process, the VMB’s NFIP flood insurance policy has settled for building damage for $96,307.73 and contents damage for $455.20. Commissioner Delfs inquired if the roofing supplies purchased are from the needed roof maintenance discussed in past years. E.D. Jager shares that the VMC maintenance staff has been able to self-perform on the repairs to the roof of the Coliseum in the past few months. Commissioner Delfs made a motion to approve the November and December bills; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Museum Report-Assistant Director:
A.D. Van Dorston informs the VMC that the intern position that has been vacant for approximately 6 months will be filled on January 30, 2017. A.D. Van Dorston shares that the VMC now has a display of items from the U.S. Navy in the 3rd floor space formerly known as the Mayor’s office. E.D. Jager shares that VMC meetings will move back to the 4th floor Veterans Conference Room. Today’s meeting held in the 3rd floor conference room was to share the work of new display items with the VMC and remind that the area is available for use for local Veterans organizations. Commissioner Delfs asked for the status of
the T-33 restoration project. A.D. Van Dorston replied that the project is on hold for the season until Phase II can begin in the spring of 2017.

Approval of CR Ball Club Inc. resolution #01-12-17:
The resolution can be read in its entirety which accompanies these minutes in full. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the resolution #01-12-17; seconded by Commissioner Delfs. The motion carried with no objections.

Election of VMC Officers:
Commissioner Grant opened the floor for nominations for the Vice Chair position of the VMC. Chairman Grant nominated Vice Chairwoman Arens; seconded by Commissioner Powers. With no other nominations made, the nominations are closed. The motion carried with no objections.

Chairman Grant opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position of the VMC. Vice Chairwoman Arens nominated Commissioner Delfs; seconded by Chairman Grant. With no other nominations made, the nominations are closed. The motion carried with no objections.

Communications from the Metro Veterans Council:
Commissioner Powers reports he has passed on his three suggestions for the All Veterans Memorial (AVM) policy for monuments, maintenance, and the memorial bricks. VMC meeting guest, Mr. Koenighain shares that they are present to hear how the VMC was working to have a proposed "Freedom Rock" at the AVM Park. Chairman Grant verbalizes to all, that the AVM policy needs to be complete before any other proposed monuments are placed at the AVM. Chairman Grant also suggests that the MVC and or whomever is working on the "Freedom Rock" to come to the VMC with a full proposal with complete details in order to be reviewed. In regards to the AVM policy, Vice Chairwoman Arens shares that it continues to be a work in progress.

At the January MVC meeting, Commissioner Powers shares that Don Tyne with the Linn County Veterans Affairs gave a presentation on unmarked soldier’s gravesites of Linn County. The presentation included information of the costs and what the government contributes, which does not cover all related costs. Commissioner Powers will consider offering a donation bucket to be available at MVC programs to help contribute as well. TVD comments that there is an increase of brick orders, especially compared to past years at this time. The annual Memorial Day programming at the AVM Park is now in the planning stages for the 2017 program.
Public Comment:
Mr. Koenighain shares with the VMC that the Marion Heritage Center has a free Veterans display from November of 2016 thru April of 2017. March 2017 will have a Korean War guest speaker with another speaker to come in April as well.

Chairman Grant thanks all for serving as Chairs to the VMC and his time as the Chairman was a pleasure.

Commissioner Schuchmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Powers. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikée Woods, Admin. Assistant