

St Peters Veterans Memorial

Commission Board

Meeting Minutes

04/03/2023

1. Call to order: A meeting of St Peters Memorial Commission was held on 04/03/2023 at 7:00 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Invocation.
4. Roll Call: Names are **bolded*** for those members who were in attendance.
 - a) ***John Gonzales (Chairman), *Victor Ponce (Vice-Chair)**, Francine King Secretary, Joseph P. Brown, ***Mark Hoernschemeyer, *Lonnie Williamson, *Jeff Bornefeld, *Mike Sloan, *Mark Sloan**, Michael Blanzly (Alternates), Bob Zahner (Alternates), ***Cody Walker City Rep.**
 - b) Alderman Representative: **Alderman Reitmeyer**
 - c) Military Adviser: **Alderman Violet**
 - d) Guests: **None**
5. Approval of the minutes:
 - a) Approval of the Minutes for board meeting held on March 6th, 2023- Jeff B.: 2nd Mike Sloan
6. Public Comments:
 - a) Announcements
 - i. Veterans BBQ Sunday March 26th from 11-2pm at Station 1 from Central County Fire and Rescue had a good turnout. It did however conflict the Vietnam Memorial held at the St Charles Veteran Museum. Something to consider next year.
 - ii. Chair John Gonzales, Military Advisor Alderman Violet, and Alderman Reitmeyer attended the BBQ and the Vietnam Memorial.

- iii. Alderman Reitmeyer informed the board of the burial for the remains of World War II Veteran Army Private James R. Tash will be at Jefferson Barracks April 7th, 2023. Private Tash was a St Louis native and a member of F Company 2nd BN. 31st Infantry Regiment
- iv. Cody Walker announced the city advertised the Vietnam Remembrance and the special they were televising on the city CTV channel. The city also paid honor to the Vietnam Veterans by having Alderman Violet read the declaration during the board of Alderman meeting. Chairman John Gonzales was in attendance.
- v. Chairman John Gonzales invited all board members to be at the next board of Alderman meeting April 27th at 6:30pm at the Justice Center for a special presentation to Alderman Terri Violet.
- vi. A motion was made to move the Korean and Vietnam Memorial on the corner of Jungermann Rd. and Willott Rd. Jeff Bornefeld made the motion and Mark Hoernschemeyer 2nd. A vote for all in favor and passed with majority. No one opposed. Needs to be addressed with city administration, Parks Dept., and budget.

b) Memorial Day Ceremony

- i. Central County Fire and Rescue was confirmed by John as being in attendance with the flag and fire truck.
- ii. Request was submitted for Army Color Guard and Army band by Vice-Chair Victor Ponce to Ft. Leonard Wood. Was advised by the Ft Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office (PAO) we would get a solid commitment 30 days prior to the event.

- iii. Jeff Bornefeld confirmed the AMVETS and Patriot Guard will be at the ceremony. He also advised the Marine Corp League part of the Honor Guard.
 - iv. John G. confirmed Kathy Lawton Brown will sing the National Anthem and God Bless America.
 - v. The Bag Piper Kevin Hennessey will play Amazing Grace.
 - vi. Gateway Church confirmed support of hot dogs.
 - vii. Boy Scouts will help put up the small American flags around City Hall. Tentative date to put up Friday May 26th and take down Tuesday May 30th. Request all VMCB members participate.
7. Hall of Honor Applications-posted twice a year Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- a) Approved
 - i. Elmer A. Krause (Army) Honorable Discharge.
 - ii. Paul J. Wessel (Air Force) Honorable Discharge.

Motion to approve: Jeff B.: 2nd Mike Sloan

8. Next Meeting- **Monday May 1st, 2023, at 7pm**
9. Meeting Adjourned 7:55 PM (Motion Jeff B.: 2nd Mark Hoernschemeyer)

Meeting minutes prepared by- Victor Ponce (Vice-Chair)


Vice-Chair