

VETERAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10th, 2011
4:30 p.m.

The Veteran Affairs Committee met on Thursday, February 10th, 2011, in the City Manager's Conference Room at Centralia City Hall.

Roll Call

Members: Earl White, Roy Aarons, Christopher Gray, Brian Merrell, Dan Johnson

Present: Earl White, Roy Aarons, Christopher Gray, Brian Merrell

Staff: Alex McElroy, Assistant City Manager

Review of Prior Discussion

1. The committee discussed how to identify families of veterans that have recently passed. Alex reported that he had contacted several local funeral homes and they were willing to place a form for funeral members to complete if they had a service member who passed. Earl suggested that the committee create a standardized form for the committee to issue to local funeral homes. Alex agreed to work on drafting a form for the committee to review.
2. The committee discussed how to get the word out to other individuals and agencies of the committee's existence. Earl suggested the committee speak with the VFW, American Legion, 40&8 etc. to introduce the committee and highlight some of the group's goals and objectives. Issuing a press release with similar information to the local media was also suggested. Alex agreed to work on the press release.

New Business

1. Christopher Gray suggested that it would be helpful to have a comment section on the committee's section of the City's website to solicit ideas for fundraising for a potential 4th of July parade. It was also stated that it would be a good idea to contact other organizations to see if they would be interested in participating or helping to sponsor such an event. Alex will check with the City clerk to see what the committee will need to get from the City to hold such an event (permits, esda services, traffic control, etc.).
2. Earl stated that in efforts to solicit funds it would also be advisable to contact the Chamber of Commerce to see if they would be able to help support a 4th of July parade.
3. Chris stated that he has had some difficulty getting in contact with the Family Readiness Groups online via facebook. Chris stated that he will explore other avenues

to get in contact with these individuals. He also stated that it may be good to reach out to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to see if they would be interested in joining the committee with some of the activities the group is exploring.

Other Business

None

The committee members scheduled to meet again **February 10th, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.** at City Hall.

Adjournment

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Respectfully submitted,

Alex McElroy
Assistant City Manager