

THE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE FOR VETRANS AFFAIRS

MINUTES OF THE 7/24/12 MEETING

The Meeting convened at 1:00pm at the Gashes Creek Road Recreation Division Office.

Those attending: Mary Albert, Allison Bond, Debra Collington, Ron Kennedy, Mike Lathrop, Richard Leatherman, Josh O'Conner, Michael Reich, Gayle Sovinee,
Guests: Alyce Knaflich, Johanna Stebbins

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions were made by the attendees.

Motion made, seconded and passed that the June meeting minutes be accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Kennedy reported there were no additional expenditures nor income from the June report and the balance remains at \$346.00. Gayle reported that there is a planned, expenditure for Ice at the Bele Chere event estimated at \$6.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept that planned expense.

Old Business

Committee Restructuring Update: The Mayor had proposed for the committee to partner with the City or the County as a joint committee and act as an advisory board. This restructuring would provide us with the flexibility to request our items be placed on the City Council agenda. Josh related that he presented the scope of the restructuring to the County Boards and Commission Committee with an overall favorable reaction. His July 24th presentation to City Council as a new-business-agenda item will need to be postponed pending further committee member discussion. The presentation would probably take place later in the Council's session.

Alyce Knaflich invited Josh to present our restructuring plans to the Buncombe County Veterans Council (BCVC). Josh requested that the BCVC provide to him prior to his meeting with them any issues or questions so that he would have time to prepare a response.

Bele Chere:

Gayle provided the members with booth information, festival hours, set-up and vehicle parking hours and map for the Bele Chere weekend, July 27-29. ABCCM Vets Quarters are assisting with set up and tear down. All the time-slots are now filled by volunteers. Committee name tags will be available during the event. Gayle also advised that service organizations' promotional materials have been reviewed and appear to be appropriate and up-to-date. Josh plans to bring the Honor and Remember flag on Friday morning.

Job Opportunities: Available on the City Web site, Employment Security Commission veterans representative and USAJOBS.GOV.

New Business

Veterans Day Ceremony: will be on August agenda. We are awaiting the Mayors guidance on whether to gain City Council's endorsement for a Veterans Day ceremony in order to devote any city resources to the event and to consider a proposal to make Veterans Day a city holiday.

Upcoming Events

Honoring All Who Served 2012 Veterans Appreciation Run Aug 18@9:00 The Concerned Bikers Association run will begin at Martin Motorsport 1217 Charlotte Highway, Fairview NC

2012 Women's Golf Tournament Aug. 7. Contact number 274-2267 ext. 311

AB Tech. Veterans Retraining Assistance Program workshop on Friday July 20 and 27@10:15am Ferguson Building room 116 computer lab.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 28th at 1:00pm at the Recreation Division Office on Gashes Creek Rd.