

CITY OF MANCHESTER

MEETING OF THE VETERANS COMMISSION

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

A meeting of the Veterans Commission of the City of Manchester, Missouri was held at 4:30 p.m. on the 17th day of May 2022, on the video conference application, Zoom, for the transaction of such business that came before the Commission.

Present:

Mayor Mike Clement

Alderman Megan Huether

President Kay Bell

Secretary Bonnie Krueger

City Administrator Justin Klocke

Ms. Ruth Baker

Mr. Bob Bell

Mr. Bill Pinkston

Ms. Julie Nguyen

Commander Sam Fletcher

Marty Dauer

Mr. James Francis

Introduction/Welcome

Kay Bell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. The Minutes of the April 20 meeting was unanimously approved for Justin Klocke to post on the City of Manchester website. Ruth Baker was thanked for stepping in to take the minutes for the April meeting in Bonnie's absence.

In lieu of Kat Schien's attendance, she provided a detailed memo of the Parks' participation/responsibilities in these events. The memo is attached, which provides extra details than what was captured in the monthly meeting.

Marty Dauer, a resident of Manchester, was a guest on Zoom. She works in the Veteran sector so this was a wonderful opportunity to make the connection.

Flags of Valor Photo exhibit

The Flags of Valor exhibit is now open in the Justice Center board room. Megan Huether and Bonnie Krueger accepted the invitation to speak at the official reception on June 3, which is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Megan will speak about her adoption of the flag of fallen soldier Capt. Tamara Archuleta, USAF. Bonnie will speak about her involvement in sending out flags to the Gold Star families.

Hometown Heroes Banner Program

Installation of the 40 banners will be installed the week before Memorial Day, but no specific date was chosen. There will be 28 along Manchester Road, 8 in Schroeder Park and 4 at Parkway South High.

Memorial Day Event (May 30)

The event is fully planned. In addition to the bagpipe, there will be a drummer accompaniment. Combat Veteran Motorcycle Group also accepted our invitation to be present. Kat gives a lot of detail in her memo to the Commission.

Memorial Day Recognition of the Parkway South Heroes

Collins, Fleischer, Kirkman and Fussner families have expressed their intent in attending the Memorial Day event. Collins and Fleischer intend to bring wreaths. The other two families have not confirmed if they are bringing wreaths. Bonnie had a wreath made to recognize the South High graduates who gave their lives in service. Mike Clement and Megan plan to invite Parkway South administrators and a few key Parkway employees as well.

Food Drive for Jefferson Barracks

The "Forces for Food" city-wide food drive is set from May 15 through June 8. It was suggested by Jefferson Barracks to only collection specific items for their food drive. It includes rice and pasta. Manchester Public Works has offered to pick up the donations and deliver them directly to Jefferson Barracks. Mike will ask Bud to contact the American Legion to see if they will support this food drive effort.

July 4th Veterans Commission Tent

Mike has asked for two teams of two people each to work the booth on July 4. The booth provides an up close and person seat for the band and seating for the fireworks.

City Thank You for the Veterans Commission

Options include a dinner out with spouse, a catered banquet and picnic at the park with family. Whatever is decided, using a restaurant within Manchester was decided. It was also discussed that it might be a quieter option to have it catered to allow for better conversations. Megan will send out an email survey.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, June 22 at Parkway South High at 4:30 p.m. The Freedom Memorial Wall is located in the library on the second floor. Because of construction, the front entrance is not open. You must enter on the side of building, which you access at the four-way stop sign near the marquee. Bonnie will send out additional information closer to the next meeting date.

Adjournment

At 5:22 p.m. the meeting was unanimously adjourned.