



MATTHEWS VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

June 3rd, 2020 – 7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

A. ESTABLISH A QUORUM **7:00**

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting May 6th, 2020 **7:05**

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **7:10**

1. Queen City Honor Flight status for May. Still on?
2. Review of MVAC Trifolds assignment.
3. Quarterly Report to Town Board
4. US Service Flag project. Status with Town Board
5. Treasurer's Report: 2 minutes:
6. Focus for FY20
 - a. Update to approach to Veteran of the Year Program.
 - b. Discuss Colors flown for a day for Vet of Year or Honor Flight person
 - c. Review plans for FY-21 and needed funding

D. NEW BUSINESS: **7:20**

1. Officers election nominations
2. Discuss and vote on Doug Rose
3. Permanent: Comments/Admin issues from Town Council Liaison: *5 minutes*
4. Permanent: Comments from MVAC members and visitors: *8 (2 minutes each)*

E. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: *10 minutes* **7:30**

Upcoming MVAC Meetings/Activities

*Update Briefings to ToM Board: None scheduled

*FY-21 Meetings: July 1, Aug 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Apr 7, May 5, Jun 2

ZOOM MVAC WEBINAR MEETING DETAILS:

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<https://zoom.us/s/91347780052>

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Webinar ID: 913 4778 0052



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Remote Meeting

May 6th, 2020

Minutes

All participants met remotely

Chairperson Tom Cannon called the meeting to order at 7:20PM. It was noted the meeting was held remotely due to social distancing requirements of the COVID-19 pandemic and the Mecklenburg County Stay at Home Order.

Quorum: Eight of ten members were present: Fred Baylor, Peter Chryst, James Munoz, Jim Thurman, Larry Stawicki, Jack Santaniello, Charleen Thompson, and Tom Cannon. Michael Vento tried to enter the meeting but was unable to do so. Lori Cannipino and Theresa Chance were present and were vigorous in setting the meeting up technically.

Minutes Approval: The Minutes for the March 6th, 2020 were approved unanimously with the Chair making the motion.

Old Business:

1. Queen City Honor Flight: It has been cancelled for May. When they decide to conduct the Flight safely, they will let us know. It was noted that MVAC had donated \$900 for the Flight.

2. MVAC Trifold: The original one had sponsor names on back page. Larry will run down the list to see if all remain in business. It was noted that the American Legion post 235 no longer meets at the Womens Club but now meet at the Masonic Lodge on the 3rd Thursday. This will require changing. There were no needed changes to the MVAC Ten Reasons to Hire a Veteran.

New Business:

1. Treasures Report: It is attached. MVAC had spent \$1038 this Fiscal Year. Original budget from the Town was \$2500 with an additional \$1956 is previous

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donations from local businesses. With the planned spending prior to end of Fiscal Year, which is discussed below, we expect to have \$533 remaining, all of which were remaining donations.

2. The Quarterly report to the Town was reviewed and will be delivered at May 26th meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

3. US Service Flag project: The report was discussed once again. The project will be proposed in two parts. For FY-2020 four sets of Service Flags to include POW/MIA, will be purchased. The Flag cost is \$965 of which Mark Tofano offered to pay \$765 if we purchased flags made in the US. The brackets and poles were estimated at \$2685. For Fiscal Year 2021 we want to add two additional sets from John Street to the Fire Station. In our meeting I believe I made an error and said we would add three sets. In reviewing our Minutes from March, we wanted to only add the two sets. Estimate of cost came from the base amounts for the 2020 plan. Chair's error. Estimate of cost two sets of flags and fixtures with poles is \$1833 for 2021. Grand total of sets of flags remains at six. The project will be proposed at the May 26th meeting of the Board. It was reported that only the light fixtures were being replaced and not the light poles as had been previously thought.

4. Veteran of the Year update: James Munoz is leading. Can we get advertise in local papers of Matthews Mint Hill Weekly or Beacon? We should use Maureen Keith as a resource to help us.

5. US Colors flown for a day for Veteran of Year and Honor Flight awardee. Charleen suggested for Veteran of Year that it be done the Monday of the next Town Board meeting and presented by the Town to the veteran. She suggested a similar approach for Honor Flight veteran when we better know when the flight will take place. This should be reviewed with and approved by the Town Board of commissioners at a June meeting.

6. The proposed plan for FY-2021 was reviews once again. It is attached along with needed funding, which is \$3458. The Town Manager, Hazen Blodgett, is recommending MVAC be given a budget of \$2500 again this year. MVAC must decide this month if it wished to ask for the additional funding above \$2500.



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7. Elections for Officers is scheduled to be done per our By-Laws in June. At the moment we are not moving in the direction of an election. All were encouraged to consider which positions they may be interested in standing for.

8. We should expect the June 3rd meeting to be a remote one also.

R/

Tom Cannon

Chair MVAC

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