

MINUTES OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION
Special Session, Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016 at 5:15 p.m.

Present: Ed Akins, Leo Lease (via phone), Teresa McCall and Chad Rose.

McCall called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Adkins moved to approve the agenda as presented and Lease seconded the motion. All ayes. Agenda approved.

McCall explained that the special session was called as a follow-up to the special session meeting held the prior week to discuss solutions to the drainage issue in Central Park that may affect the Veterans Memorial Building. Russ Behrens, City Manager, was in attendance to convey the proposed changes to the drainage plan in Central Park.

Behrens explained that the storm sewer would be lowered 1 ½ feet and that the new 18" drainage pipe would run to 4th and Park. The plan would include removing the bi-level concrete steps/flower beds attached to the south side of the VMB next to the patio area and to lower it to the level of the patio. A slight slope away from the VMB would be created, with intakes for park drainage on the south side of the VMB. The plan also includes a new patio (roughly 1/3 the size of the current patio) with a new seating wall on the south end of the patio, and a new sidewalk on the southwest side of the VMB that would join up with the new patio for accessibility. The City will install new sanitary sewer and water lines and will run to the face of the building. A storm water vault would be installed on the south end of the building as an added drainage measure. A pump system will be installed, wired, and operational at city expense. The commission was assured that the intake for drainage would be well below the finished floor of the building, and that a 2% grade away from the building would be created. Additionally, the service drive on the northeast corner of the building would be replaced and will include 4 handicap parking spots and an accessible sidewalk will run from the parking down to the patio area. The sidewalks on the west and north side of the building will also be replaced so that accessibility is improved to the building.

McCall moved to give approval for the City to continue with the plan as presented at the meeting so that work could continue in Central Park. Adkins seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

The commission conveyed to the city manager that the communication was appreciated, and that it was hoped the open lines of communication would continue and that updates on the project would be received.

Rose moved to adjourn. Lease seconded. All ayes. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Some community members present asked that Behrens accompany them to the site following the meeting to explain the patio area. Behrens graciously did so and showed the group the outline of the proposed new patio, and discussed the work there.

Teresa McCall, Chair