

EAST HARTFORD VETERANS COMMISSION

EAST HARTFORD TOWN HALL

Goodwin University Vet Center/OASIS 2nd floor

Memorial Day Parade Committee

February 21, 2023 @ 5:00PM

PRESENT: John Cook, Candy Guastamachio, Paul Barry, Craig Jordan

ABSENT: Connor Martin

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: none

ROLL CALL: as indicated above.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR: February 7, 2023 with notation that Craig Jordan was present and that he seconded the motion to adjourn.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INVOICES - none

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial day parade reports from team leaders:

- 1) Candy Guastamachio – Parade Team Leader
 - (1) Possible that UCONN band march.
 - (2) Waiting on possible fife and drum units
 - (3) Save the date
- 2) Craig Jordan – Presentation and speakers team leader
 - (1) Suggested a slightly revised parade route going straight down Riverside Dr rather than detouring into the front area of the University.
 - (2) Craig will check with the Portland Pipers to see if they will participate again.
 - (3) Report on conversations with History Department of EHHS re possible student project for Gold Star.
- 3) Connor Martin – Post event team leader
 - (1) Coordinate with
 - (a) Police department
 - (b) State Police to close Willow St ramps from and to Rt 2.
 - (c) Public Works
 - (d) Fire Department
 - (e) Will coordinate with Town Departments and secure permits from State to close off Willow Street exits on Rt. 2.
- 4) Will look into the participants, sponsors, and vendors enrollment forms on the website to make sure they are updated.

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5) Misc.

- (1) Grand Marshall was suggested. John will run by Veterans Commission.
- (2) See if Coke and Pratt & Whitney will participate in the parade.
- (3) Tents by the Canoe club along with food trucks.
- (4) First aide stand by presentation stand.
- (5) Water tables at a couple of places along route.
- (6) Police dogs for the Post event.
- (7) Dedication program to Vinnie Parys
- (8) Status of Grand Marshall

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION By Paul Barry
 Seconded by Craig Jordan
 Motion carried 4/0 at 6:01PM

Submitted by:

Chairman John Cook