

VETERANS COMMISSION
740 MAIN STREET
EAST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
Goodwin University Vet Center/OASIS on the 2nd floor
Memorial Day Parade Committee Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2024

Present: Craig Jordan, Candy Guastamachio, Paul Barry, Richard Bates, Ekaterina Tchelidze, John Cook,
Pledge of Allegiance with moment of silence for the fallen

- 1) CALL TO ORDER at 5:04 PM
- 2) ROLL CALL as indicated above.
- 3) AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA none.
- 4) OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE - none
- 5) OLD BUSINESS
 - (a) Memorial Day parade. Team leader updates
 - (1) Candy Guastamachio – Parade Team Leader – provided an update of participants that include 701 marchers, 34 vehicles, and a volunteer driver for the Grand Marshall.
 - (2) Craig Jordan – Presentation and speakers Team Leader – handed out rough draft of parade route and program. Attached is a copy of the 1st draft of the program. We need a public address system with:
 1. Mic and speaker at reviewing stand
 2. 4 mics and speaker at main stage.
 - (3) Ekaterine Tchelidze – Post event Team Leader – reviewed that add necessary applications have been made and that we have 45 vendors registered. Most are for post-parade.
 - (4) Rich Bates – Sponsorship Team Leader – has sent out emails to all sponsors from last year and he will be contacting them.
- 6) NEW BUSINESS
 - (a) ADJOURNMENT – motion to adjourn made and seconded. Motion carried 6/0.
Adjourned 6:28pm

Submitted by: John Cook, Chairman

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