



HOMETOWN HEROES SELECTION COMMITTEE

February 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM

City Council Chambers, 16 Colomba Rd.

DeBary, Florida 32713

AMENDED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Cristina Raimundo called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Robert Wilkerson, Jean Voetberg, Pam Ring were present. Roy Houseworth and Gale Kohler; absent.

Others present: Cristina Raimundo, Communications Specialist, Annette Hatch, City Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Rob Wilkerson to approve minutes, seconded by Jean Voetberg. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

There was a discussion of the by-Laws pertaining to the number of absences allowed a committee member before said member must forfeit their office. According to the By-Laws, "If a member is absent for three consecutive meetings without being excused prior to said meeting by the Chair, said member shall forfeit their office and it shall be deemed vacant."

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Banners on 17-92:

The committee sought approval and clarification of the proposed 12 banners. This was voted down by the Director/City Manager due to the probability that they could be a distraction to drivers.

The banners may hang at City hall, but not for the proposed 7 months. They may be displayed for the month of November, honoring Veteran's Day. There are only six posts on which the banners may be displayed. Therefore, the committee will select 6 honorees rather than the previously proposed 12.

Once Main Street opens (in 1 ½-2 years), further consideration may be given to increasing the number of banners to 12.

Ms. Raimundo proposed that Clayton (the dinosaur) wear a military sash and sign to direct people to City Hall to see the banners in November.

B. Sponsorship and applications:

Sponsorship will not be online. Payment will be by check and taken to City Hall, payable to "City of DeBary."

There was a discussion that applications will be online and user friendly, and they will also be available at City Hall as well.

There was a motion by Robert Wilkerson to use application and sponsorship pages that were provided to the committee, seconded by Jean Voetberg. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a proposal to change the wording from “form” to “application”, and a proposal to use the wording, “Medals of significance “in place of “Special Medals.”

C. There was a review of the bylaws. Motion by Gale Kohler to approve the bylaws as written. Seconded by Jean Voetberg. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Timeline:

- March 1- Application will be posted and live-linked on the website and sponsorship printed. Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- May 20- Committee members may pick application packets up at City Hall, take them home and select the six best qualified to be presented at the next meeting.
- November 6- Presentation of banner awards. Invitations will be sent to the family of the service member to attend the presentation at City Hall.

DATE OF UPCOMING MEETING: June 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

**HOMETOWN HEROES SELECTION COMMITTEE
CITY OF DEBARY, FLORIDA**

Robert Wilkerson, Chairman

Pam Ring, Secretary