

## VETERANS' COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 5, 2010 – 2:30 P.M.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Barrett, Kinowski, Lucia, Wright, Connelly, and Southworth; David Wickerham, County Administrator; Jen Ciulla, Promotions; B. Mitchell, Veterans' Service Agency; Press.

Chairman M. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the minutes of the March 1, 2010 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mrs. Johnson said the following three bands are available to play for the Military Band Concert for 2010: Air Force Band of Liberty, available Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>; Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>; Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. West Point Band, available Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus would be available if they could receive \$13,000 in financial assistance.

Ms. Ciulla said the West Point Band is only available Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, as they have weekend obligations to play for the West Point Football Games.

Mrs. Johnson said the Air Force Band of Liberty will require 25 hotel rooms at an estimated cost of \$2,500 - \$3,000.

Mrs. Johnson said she has ruled out the Army Field Band and Chorus due to costs. She recommended the Air Force Band of Liberty because of their band and Chorus combo.

Mr. Kinowski said he has attended concerts where the Air Force Band of Liberty has performed and said they are absolutely fabulous.

Mr. Barrett suggested an afternoon concert on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The committee agreed on the Air Force Band of Liberty for Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.m. at SPAC.

Mrs. Johnson said she is still working with SPAC and is hopeful that there will be a reduction in the cost of rent. An estimated total cost for the concert is \$29,500.

Ms. Ciulla said based on the small return rate of the tickets that were sent out to Veterans for past concerts, and in order to save some expense this year, a postcard invitation will be sent out that will include information on where to get tickets, i.e. Town Halls, Stewart Shops, and County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Barrett thanked Ms. Ciulla and Supervisor Johnson for their work on this project. He said, it is important that we took the steps to reduce the costs, to ensure that the concert would continue in these tough economic times.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve the Air Force Band of Liberty for the Military Band Concert at SPAC on September 25, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Unanimous.**

Mr. Barrett asked Ms. Ciulla to email all committee members when she has confirmation from the Air Force Band of Liberty.

**On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom