

**PATRIOTIC COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 28, 2012**

A quorum being present, Chairperson Margaret Byrnes called the regular meeting of the Patriotic Commission to order at 7:15 P.M. in the second floor conference room in the Town Hall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Margaret Byrnes, Charles Clarke, Bernard Corona, Vinny Parys, Susan Tukey, Joan Barbara Ross, Melodie Wilson  
**EXCUSED:** Eugene Pushefski, Sr.

**ABSENT:** Paul Barry, Patricia Begley, Linda Carrasquillo, Edward Dettore.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Robin E. Parys, Clerk.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS/RESIDENTS TO SPEAK:**

None.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Vincent Parys motioned for approval of October 17, 2012 minutes. Commissioner Charles Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MOTION:** Approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Commissioner Vincent Parys presented the Commission with a certificate of appreciation for the participation of the East Hartford Patriotic Commission in the annual Hartford Veteran's Day Parade.

**BILLS:** None

**Motion:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Chairperson Margaret Byrnes informed the Commission that the 2012-2013 budget is now \$11,685.00.

**UNFINISHED/OLD/ BUSINESS :** Chairperson Margaret Byrnes will again contact the Mayor requesting a meeting regarding the Commissions inquiry to rename Bicentennial Square. Commissioner Vincent Parys has assured the support of the Police & Fire Department Chiefs. Commissioner Vincent Parys will research reliable radio rentals for the 2013 Memorial Day Parade. Commissioner Susan Tukey will research LOCAL porta potty suppliers for the 2013 Memorial Day Parade.

**Motion:**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chairperson Margaret Byrnes distributed the sign up lists for the 2012 Holiday Fest food pick up. Commissioner Charles Clarke suggested that the Commission meet earlier (6:30 p.m.). Chairperson Margaret Byrnes will research availability of conference rooms. Commissioner Charles Clarke motioned to pay the clerk. Commissioner Susan Tukey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Clarke motioned that the December 19, 2012 meeting be cancelled. Commissioner Susan Tukey 2<sup>nd</sup>. Commissioner Vincent requested that the flags on the East Hartford Patriotic Commission float be replaced at a cost of \$135.00. Commissioner Susan Tukey motioned approval, Commissioner Charles Clarke 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**MOTIONS:** Approved

Chairperson Margaret Byrnes adjourned the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

### Old Business: Bicentennial Square (update)

At the meeting of the Patriotic Commission on Nov 28<sup>th</sup> Peg Burns was asked if she had invited our Mayor to attend this meeting to discuss Bicentennial Square. She replied that she did not get an answer but thought that the Mayor would attend.

Presently the Patriotic and Veterans Affairs Commissions agree on the following:

Recommends that the name be changed to "Fallen Heroes Bicentennial Square

That separate areas be dedicated for Veterans, Police and Fireman who died in the line of duty

In addition the following is a listing of those who also are in favor of this recommendation.

The Police and Fire Chiefs

All town officials who were approached said they would favor it.

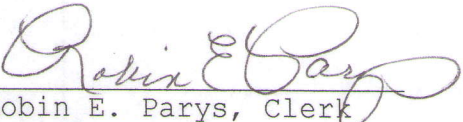
Also the following veteran organizations who are well represented in East Hartford and whose mission is to support, assist, and help all veterans and their families will definitely support this request.

Disabled American Veterans - The American Legion

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Korean War

Vietnam Veterans of America - Iraq/Afghanistan

This brings all of you up on the current status of Bicentennial Square.

  
Robin E. Parys, Clerk

Cc: Town Clerk (original)  
Commissioners  
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