

Agenda

Mar. 9, 1994. 5:30pm
V.F.W. Hall

DOWNTOWN REDMOND FLAG COMMITTEE

Note the full agenda. Please hold your discussion topics until your agenda topic is at hand or we will not get through this agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of the Nov. 3, 1993 meeting.
2. 1994 display season commitment.
 - Memorial Day ('93-VFW probably) - Mon. May 30
 - Flag Day ('93-Kawanis OK) - Tue. June 14
 - Independence Day ('93-Chamber OK) - Mon. July 4
 - Fair Parade ('93-Fire Dept. OK) - Sat. July 30
 - Labor Day ('93-Rotary OK) - Mon. Sept. 5
 - Veterans Day ('93-Elks, Legion ^{Vets} Scouts/Soroptist) - Fri. Nov. 11
(not committed: Boy/Girl Scouts, Soroptimist, Lions, etc.)
3. Financial Report.
 - Dollars on hand.
 - Suggestion to start checking account.
4. Flag Report.
 - # Ready to fly _____ .
 - # Ready for pole _____ .
 - # Ordered N/R _____ .
 - # Holes drilled 485 _____ .
5. Downtown Redmond Flag Committee GOAL:
 - A. What is our goal?
 - B. How do we obtain our goal?
 - C. Order forms: How and how many to disperse.
6. Work Parties.
 - A. Suggestion to have work parties following displays.
 - B. Set work party to clean unusable holes.
 - C. Size existing poles & re-attach flags.
7. Flag Pole Hole Caps.
8. MIA/POW flag pole at Roberts Field fund-raiser report.
9. Set meeting/agenda for next meeting.
10. New topics.
11. 7:30pm meeting adjournment (hopefully).

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History

The initial display of the Downtown Redmond Flag Committee (not yet organized) was July 4, 1991. This was the day our nation welcomed home all veterans from prior wars and Desert Storm. The display was the concept of Mac McShannon. Mac approached Randy Povey for help to drill 180 holes in the sidewalks on 6th Street, which became a reality courtesy of Barclay Contractors. One hundred and eighty, Five foot by 10 foot casket flags, were displayed on Sixth Street from Dogwood to Forest Avenue July 4, 1991. The casket flags for this display once covered the caskets of departed veterans. The flags are held in trust by the American Legion and were made available for this display by Post 44 of the American Legion.

The American Legion informed Povey and MacShannon that the casket flags would not be available for such a display in the future. The American Legion felt the risk of damage or theft of a one-of-a kind casket flag was not worth the benefits of a display. The Downtown Redmond Flag Committee was born. A representative of almost every civic organization of Redmond met with the American Legion to discuss the issue. The thought was that if we could organize to discuss the issue with the Legion, we could organize to obtain appropriate flags to display on a permanent basis.

A Mission statement was formulated as follows:

It is the feeling of this committee that flags should be flown on our city streets during all appropriate holidays and other special occasions. Therefore, the acquisition, display and perpetual care of flags are now points we must address. Since this should be a community endeavor, we would like all area organizations, clubs, businesses and interested individuals to join us in a plan to perpetuate Americanism, the display of our flag and the Redmond Community spirit.

From the first formal meeting of September 20, 1991, until today, we have obtained 525 flags (all once flown atop our nation's capitol building) through Congressman Bob Smith's office; have drilled 485 flag pole holes along 5th and 6th Streets and Highland and Evergreen Avenues; have obtained by donation from Risberg Trucking a 40 foot van trailer to store and assist in the display of our flags; have obtained the use of Redmond Rotary club's non-profit tax exempt status for donations and do maintain a bank account (thanks to a \$1000 grant from the Sam Johnson Foundation) to insure proper care and replacement of our flags and have made Redmond known nationwide as "Redmond, Oregon - Flag City, U.S.A."

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Anyone can purchase a flag for downtown Redmond. The flags cost us \$9.79 through Congressman Bob Smith, \$5.00 to embroider one name or \$8.50 for multiple names on the flag and \$1.50 for a cap to cover the flag pole hole when not in use for flag display. We charge \$16.50 for single name flags and \$20.00 for multiple name flags, permanently mount the flag on a stained wood pole and display the flag in downtown Redmond six times per year (Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Fair Parade Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day).

The flag donor will receive a certificate (upon request) certifying the flag was flown over the United States Capitol, and believe you me, they know Redmond, Oregon, at the United States Capitol. No other city has requested as many flags as Redmond. I am very proud to be from a town that is big enough to pull something like this off but small enough to make it happen.

Sincerely,

Randy Povey, chairman
Downtown Redmond Flag Committee
February 7, 1994