

250th Committee
Thursday, January 29, 2026

Attendees: Mairathe Emerson, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Christopher Klein, Susan McCready, Gail Ralston, Martha Tubinis.

Staff: Austin Simko, Deputy Town Manager and Ann Ormond, Director of Business, Arts & Cultural Development, Phillip Geoffroy, Director of Communications

Absent: Mark Comeiro, Rodney Johnson, Max Murphy, Bill Pennington, Jennifer Robbins

1. Call to order at 2:09 PM. A quorum was present.

2. Election of Officers
Nominations noted, motion made by Gail Ralston and seconded by Mairathe Emerson. Approved unanimously.
 - a. Chair – Susan McCready
 - b. Vice Chair – Mark Comeiro
 - c. Clerk – Chris Klein

January 15th meeting minutes with two changes regarding action items for Austin Simko added. Motion made by Marilyn Fitzgerald and seconded by Mairathe Emerson. Approved unanimously.

3. Review of Event documents – discussion by each member was noted and resulted in the following draft template of events:

Working draft of events

Memorial Day – refurbish of the park, rededication, plaque

Chris – lead on re-dedication and plaque, Ann to assist

Ann to talk to Rotary and the Garden Club about a spruce up

July 4 – concert, America’s pot luck theme tied to service

July 8 – Reading of the Declaration followed by patriotic concert

Susan – work with APS

Mare and Bill on concert

Ann checked with Recreation - <https://www.facebook.com/p/Red-Solo-Cup-61556810802876/> booked – Bill Pennington, RFTT, splitting costs with Recreation

July 18 – Major event, in conjunction with AFM, booth-oriented family activities,

Martha and Mare to co-lead

YMCA – Martha

Potential movie – Ann to get a quote

Ongoing - Lights and flags downtown, signage, did you know, profiles of 23 patriots in businesses, CVS windows, flowerpots with branded name of the events

Susan to meet with Andrew and Carlos

Martha – CVS windows

Patriot Profiles

Theme – legacy, service, education

Promotion

Website

Calendar of events

Social Media

4. The following agenda items were discussed for the February 12, 2026, meeting agenda:
 - a. Review of action items
 - b. Discussion on name, branding, graphics and other marketing related items, such as website, social media and graphic design
5. Motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Martha to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 PM