



MINUTES OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD IN REGULAR MEETING, MAY 25, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M., VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS AND CONFERENCE ROOM 300, GILBERT TOWN HALL, GILBERT, ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Lykins, Les Presmyk, Pamela Rinesmith, and Dave Rosenfeld.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nicki Bartram and Phil Bobadilla

COUNCIL/STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Brigette Peterson, Councilmember Kathy Tilque, Council Aide Monica D'Ortenzio (Staff Liaison)

GUESTS: Phil Alibrandi and Javier Rodriguez

1. CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING

Chair Presmyk called the meeting to order at 6:26 PM.

2. Roll Call

Staff liaison Monica D'Ortenzio called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Veterans and Military Advisory Board Minutes

Member Lykins moved to approve the meeting minutes from the April 27, 2021 Board meeting, Vice Chair Rosenfeld seconded the motion.

Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Agenda Items

5. Female Veterans Sexual Trauma Program

Agenda item 5 was continued to the next meeting due to Member Bartram being absent.

6. Discuss Future Meeting Date Next meeting

The board decided to hold a board meeting on June 22nd and no meeting in July. Chair Presmyk reminded the committee that subcommittee and task force meetings could still happen in July.

Guests Phil Alibrandi and Javier Rodriguez introduced themselves to the board.

Chair Presmyk gave an overview of the board and task forces to the guests.

Communications

7. Report from Staff

Staff liaison Monica D'Ortenzio presented the sample embroidery sew out for the board polos to the board members, council liaisons and guests. She also informed them of the introduction Zoom call meeting that was scheduled for May 28th with Senator Kelly, Mayor Peterson and Nikki Stratton.

8. Task Force Reports

USS Task Force

Board member Rinesmith briefly discussed Nikki Stratton's schedule while she was in town for Memorial Day weekend.

Events

Vice Chair Rosenfeld gave an update on the upcoming Memorial Day event and planning, adding Veteran Matthew Bradford would be the guest speaker for Memorial Day. Vice Chair Rosenfeld gave a brief bio on Matthew Bradford to the board.

9. Report from Chair

Chair Presmyk thanked the Memorial Day committee for all their hard work and also thanked staff liaison Monica D'Ortenzio for stepping into former staff liaison Valerie Shaffer's shoes and doing a great job. He said he hoped to see everyone on Monday.

10. Report from Board Members

None.

11. Report form Council Liaison

Councilmember Tilque explained the application process for the board member vacancy to guests Phil Alibrandi and Javier Rodriguez.

12. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting would be June 22, 2021.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Les Presmyk, Chair

ATTEST:

Monica D'Ortenzio, Staff Liaison