

**MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD WELLNESS SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022 AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 132, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Phil Bobadilla  
Members Pamela Rinesmith

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brenda Sullivan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Councilmember Kathy Tilque, Council Liaison  
Les Presmyk, Veterans Advisory Board Chair  
Andrea Armstrong  
Bert Armstrong  
Eric Ballester  
Jenn Daniels  
Mark Day  
Rob Elder  
Connie Martorano

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bobadilla called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Staff Volunteer Montgomery called roll and declared a quorum present.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Rob Elder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Member Rinesmith moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2021, meeting; Chair Bobadilla seconded the motion. *Motion carried 2-0.*

Member Rinesmith provided a correction to the minutes of November 9, 2021, to note they were present at the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **5. Gilbert Veterans Demographics**

Chair Bobadilla provided a handout with information regarding Gilbert demographics from the 2020 Census data. Discussion amongst the group occurred covering the data presented and identifying areas where the Wellness Subcommittee could focus to make the greatest impact. Chair Bobadilla requested review of the data and future discussion.

### **6. 2022 Workplan and Subcommittee Assignments**

Chair Bobadilla presented the 2022 Workplan that he developed with assistance from Councilmember Tilque. Group discussion commenced regarding goals of the Workplan, potential refinements and adjustments to the timeframes. Six additional questions/areas were developed during this topic for future discussion:

1. Engage Veterans from Veterans Day list;
2. How do we distribute information;
3. What do we want to accomplish;
4. Value, messaging, consistency;
5. Are we meeting the needs of Gilbert veterans; and
6. Events, local and regional.

### **7. Subcommittee Structure**

Member Rinesmith moved to name Brenda Sullivan as Wellness Subcommittee Vice Chair; Chair Bobadilla seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

### **8. Reports from Staff/Volunteers/Guests**

Nothing to report.

### **9. Report from any Board Member**

Member Rinesmith provided an update on the USS Arizona.

**10. Report from Council Liaison**

Councilmember Tilque provided an update on the Community Engagement Task Force.

**11. Report from Sub-Committee Chair**

Nothing to report.

**12. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates**

Future agenda item to evaluate Arizona Coalition.

**CONCLUSION**

**13. ADJOURN**

Chair Bobadilla adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Phil Bobadilla, Chair

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Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer