

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Les Presmyk, Vice Chair Dave Rosenfeld, Members Michael Bailey, Phil Bobadilla, Jim Lykins, Pamela Rinesmith, and Brenda Sullivan

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Peterson and Councilmember Tilque

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Presmyk called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Member Sullivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Lykins moved to approve the meetings of the November 30, 2021 meeting; Member Bobadilla seconded the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Social Media Training – Lauren Oxford

Lauren Oxford from Gilbert Digital gave a presentation on the do's and don'ts of social media. She also presented on how the Town of Gilbert uses social media platforms.

6. Town of Gilbert Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)

Vice Chair Rosenfeld presented on his idea of having a JROTC competition in the Town of Gilbert. Three students from three schools would apply and be interviewed in front a board showcasing their skills.

Member Bobadilla motioned to approve Vice Chair Rosenfeld's idea of a JROTC competition while making changes as needed; Member Rinesmith second the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

7. Procurement Policies

Chair Presmyk moved to approve Member Bobadilla's QR purchase of \$94.20; Member Rinesmith second the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

Monica D'Ortenzio informed the Board of the many resources the Town had to offer with digital, printing etc. and explained to try and always find Gilbert-based businesses for any needs the Board may have.

8. Discuss Future Meeting Dates and Times

The following changes were made by the consensus of the Board members:

- Board meeting on February 22nd changed to February 23rd at 5 p.m.
- Board meeting on April 26th changed to April 27th
- Board meeting on May 24th changed to May 25th
- Starting June 29th, board meetings would occur on the 4th Wednesday of the month ending December 2022.
- The Board plans to not meet in July and December of 2022.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. Report from Staff

Monica D'Ortenzio passed out the Gold Star Family Coins to the Board and informed the Board of her upcoming vacation days. She informed the Board that Mayor Peterson and Councilmember Tilque would have been present for that meeting but there was a conflict with the Council Meeting that was also scheduled for the same evening. She expressed that she would like to schedule future meetings with each Subcommittee Chair to discuss upcoming meetings and anything else they may need assistance with.

10. Subcommittee Reports

Veterans Wellness Subcommittee

Member Bobadilla informed the Board of the newly appointed Wellness Subcommittee Vice Chair, Member Sullivan. During the last Subcommittee they discussed goals for the year, future meetings, and Subcommittee members vetting organizations and adding them to the website.

USS Arizona Subcommittee

Member Rinesmith shared with the Board that the first USS Arizona Subcommittee meeting was held on January 13th. The Subcommittee discussed strategic planning and sponsorships for the USS Arizona.

Veteran Events Subcommittee

Vice Chair Rosenfeld shared with the Board a few details of the recent Memorial Day planning meeting, adding the Town of Gilbert Memorial Day event would take place on the north side of Park University. Vice Chair Rosenfeld passed out the remaining gift cards and Veterans Day Coins from the Veterans Day event to the Board and requested they pass them along to veterans they encounter. He also recommended ordering less Veterans Day Coins for next year's event.

11. Report from Chair

Chair Presmyk stated he attended all recent Subcommittee meetings and expressed that he felt everyone was heading in the right direction.

12. Report from Board Members

Nothing to report.

13. Report from Council Liaison

Mayor Peterson and Councilmember Tilque were unable to attend the VAB meeting due to a conflict with the Gilbert Council Meeting.

14. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

Agenda Items:

- Discussion about a speaker's bureau – virtual class option
- Establish a Gilbert Veterans Foundation
- Wellness Subcommittee demographics update

CONCLUSION

15. ADJOURN

Chair Presmyk adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Les Presmyk, Chair

Monica D'Ortenzio, Staff Liaison