

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Vice Chair Dave Rosenfeld

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Peterson and Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: Doug Adamson, Sergio Ysco, Michael Sandoval, Noelle Schmidt, Emma Baugh and Helen Krsul

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Presmyk called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Doug Adamson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Lykins moved to approve the meetings of the March 22nd, 2022, meeting; Member Bobadilla seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0; Member Sullivan was not present during the vote.*

Member Sullivan joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Community Outreach

- **Quilts for Valor – Terry Davis**

Chair Presmyk said Terry Davis was busy making quilts for Poland, but she would try and make it to a board meeting soon.

- **American Legion Table – Chamber of Commerce: Doug Adamson**

Guest Doug Adamson spoke to the board about the Gilbert Chamber of Commerce golf tournament happening on Tuesday. Doug would be sponsoring a hole at the tournament and welcomed any board members to join and help spread the word about the board and the subcommittees. Doug also said he was happy to speak on behalf of the board if no one was available to attend and requested information ahead of time.

6. VAB and Subcommittees – Letterheads and Polos

Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio reported that the Clerk’s Office was working with Gilbert Digital on the proper avenue of the board potentially having its own letterhead. She also reported that polos for volunteers would be ordered, and requested each subcommittee chair to collect shirt sizes, adding volunteer polos would be navy/royal blue with white lettering on one side saying “VOLUNTEER” and “Veterans Advisory Board” underneath. She said she planned to have screen printing done through Big Frog and the patch logo ironed on. Member Lykins requested the polos be purchased through Target as they had been a big help over the years with the Veterans Day Ceremony.

7. Subcommittee Alternate Member

Chair Presmyk reported that after discussion with the Town Attorney and Town Clerk, the board had the authority to appoint an alternate member for the subcommittees. The alternate member would only attend and engage during a subcommittee meeting when a quorum was not present.

Member Sullivan motioned to establish a subcommittee alternate; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0.*

Member Bobadilla nominated Chair Presmyk as the alternate member to the three subcommittees. *Motion carried 6-0.*

8. Approval of Event Subcommittee Invoice

Motion of approval of the JROTC plaque invoice in the amount of \$170.32.
Member Lykins motioned to approve the plaque invoice in the amount of \$170.92;
Member Bobadilla seconded. *Motion carried 6-0.*

Member Lykins left the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

9. Review and Approval of Future Board and Subcommittee Dates

Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio passed around a list of future board and subcommittee dates and requested each member approve the dates listed. Wellness and USS Arizona Subcommittee Chairs decided to not meet in July or December to mirror when the board meets. Events Subcommittee Chair Rosenfeld was not present for the meeting; therefore, Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio would follow up with Events Subcommittee Chair Rosenfeld on future dates for the Events Subcommittee.

10. Fundraising Matters

- Ordinance Language
- Town Budget and Line Item
- Foundations
- In-kind Donations

Chair Presmyk reported that in working with the Town Attorney, he would be exploring and putting together language for the May meeting to have the board setup to collect donations. He reminded the board that they already had great alternatives with HD South for Memorial Day, Park Foundation for Veterans Day, and the potential usage of the Mesa Veteran Resource Center Foundation. Chair Presmyk said he planned to present that request and a yearly update for the Town Council at the June meeting.

COMMUNCIATIONS

11. Report from Staff

Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio reminded those that were up for re-appointment, applications were due Sunday, May 1st. She also encouraged anyone who was not a member to apply for the open positions. She also informed the board an email from the Clerk’s Office would be sent out regarding the structure of the three subcommittees.

12. Subcommittee Reports

Veterans Wellness Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Bobadilla showed the board updates to the Veteran's website along with the new Veteran Registration Form. He explained that the Wellness Subcommittee was planning a future Military Muster event to potentially take place at the Gun Club, adding the subcommittee was trying to promote a happy hour to engage a younger demographic.

USS Arizona Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Rinesmith reported that she was still waiting on the USS Arizona items that she had requested from Nikki Stratton and Victor Le Mai. She said she was working on having the website created and having monthly stories about the USS Arizona on the website until it was finished instead of a "under construction" message.

Veteran Events Subcommittee

Member Bailey gave reported out the following upcoming events:

- WWII 100-year-old drive by birthday celebration on May 28th
- Fairway for Warriors May 16th started at 6:45 a.m. at Western Skies
- Memorial Day – Volunteer Chair Josh Bring was working on the details
- Veterans Day – Volunteer Chair Payton Parker would start planning when Memorial Day event is completed.
- The Veteran discount and banner program were still in the works .

13. Report from Chair

Chair Presmyk passed around a pamphlet regarding Chandler's Field of Honor Memorial. He said he would like to see a Veterans Park in Gilbert. He attended the naming of the VA Clinic last week and met with a few Gold Star Mothers who would be putting him in contact with the director of the program to get information on the upcoming Memorial Day Event where all Gold Star Mothers would be honored.

14. Report from Board Members

None at this time.

15. Report from Council Liaison

Mayor Peterson stopped by and thanked each board member with a personalized cookie and explained April was National Volunteer Month.

16. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

- Gun club – Military Muster approval
- VAB logo adoption
- Next Meeting Date: May 25, 2022 @5pm

CONCLUSION

17. ADJOURN

Chair Presmyk adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

ATTEST:

Les Presmyk, Chair

Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison