

**MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD WELLNESS
SUBCOMMITTEE, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 AT 5:00 PM,
MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Phil Bobadilla
Vice Chair Brenda Sullivan
Members Pamela Rinesmith

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer

GUESTS PRESENT: Andrea Armstrong
Connie Martorano

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Bobadilla called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Staff Volunteer Montgomery called roll and declared a quorum present.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Bobadilla led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Rinesmith moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022, meeting; Vice Chair Sullivan seconded the motion. *Motion carried 3-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Update on Veteran Resources

Discussion occurred regarding Veterans Advisory Board website, specifically the Veterans Resources section. There is a need to reorganize the categories for each of the resources to be able to better navigate the various types of resources. A

draft of the potential categories was presented by Chair Bobadilla for future consideration by the Wellness Subcommittee.

There was also discussion on the process of vetting potential veteran resources. Presently a paper form is used with a series of questions that may not be applicable to all types of resources. Connie Martorano discussed some revisions to the form content and will be developing draft questions for consideration at a future Wellness Subcommittee meeting. Once the content is approved by the Wellness Subcommittee, it will be recommended to the Veterans Advisory Board for form creation by Town staff. There was discussion that this form will eventually be an electronic form on the website, similar to the Veteran Registration form.

A discussion occurred on the vetting of True Life Harmony. Member Rinesmith moved to add True Life Harmony to the Town of Gilbert Veterans Advisory Board website as a resource organization under an Alternative Medicine and Non-Traditional Treatment Option category once this was added to the website via a future action; Vice Chair Sullivan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Update on Muster Activities

Discussion occurred on the idea of holding the next Muster event at Gun Club 82 and discussed some of the logistics associated with that potential event. There is not a date scheduled for this event and will be further discussed at a future subcommittee meeting.

7. Media Resources and Methods of Communication to Veteran Community

Chair Bobadilla discussed he had a conversation regarding the potential for a Veterans Advisory Board specific social media platform and this is not recommended at this time. It is recommended to continue to direct interested parties to the Veterans Advisory Board website and share potential events through private social media platforms as appropriate.

8. VAB Term Limits and Effect on Wellness Subcommittee

Chair Bobadilla and Vice Chair Sullivan discussed their present terms on the Veterans Advisory Board expire on June 15, 2022 and they are not seeking reappointment.

COMMUNICATIONS

9. Report from Staff

None.

10. Report from Vice Chair

None.

11. Reports from Chair

Chair Bobadilla thanked all in attendance for their support in the Wellness Subcommittee efforts as his term on the Veterans Advisory Board expires on June 15, 2022.

12. Report from Council Liaison

Council Liaison absent.

13. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

Potential future meeting agenda items were discussed as:

1. Revision to the Veterans Resources categories within the Veterans Advisory Board website;
2. Future Muster Activity; and
3. Review of revised resource vetting form.

Next meeting is currently scheduled for June 21, 2022.

CONCLUSION

14. ADJOURN

Chair Bobadilla adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Phil Bobadilla, Chair

Jason Montgomery, Staff Volunteer