

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Member Michael Bailey

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio, Town Clerk Chaveli Herrera, and Deputy Town Clerk Judy Martinez

GUESTS PRESENT: Danielle Skranack

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Presmyk called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Danielle Skranack led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Minutes

Member Lykins moved to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2022, meeting; Vice Chair Rosenfeld seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Vice Chair Rosenfeld moved to approve the amended minutes of the September 28, 2021, meeting; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 5-0.*

Member Bobadilla arrived at the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

AGENDA ITEMS

5. Subcommittee Structure

Staff Liaison D’Ortenzio presented a PowerPoint presentation to the board regarding restructuring and discontinuing the use of the Subcommittees of Veterans Wellness, Veterans Events, and the USS Arizona, and instead making them pillars within the Veterans Advisory Board. Vice Chair Rosenfeld explained to the board how this new structure would benefit the board. Town Clerk Chaveli Herrera and Deputy Town Clerk Judy Martinez were present to help answer any questions the board had. The benefits of eliminating the Subcommittees included that all of the Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) members could attend the meetings of the pillar topics and participate in all discussions, as long as the agenda was noticed for the VAB. The drawback noted was the need to have four members of the VAB to have a quorum for any of the meetings regarding the pillar topics, but the consensus was to adopt the pillar structure over the Subcommittees. The group also discussed the pros and cons of adding alternate members to the VAB in the future.

Member Sullivan motioned to change to the proposed new pillar structure for the former subcommittees; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0.*

6. Gun Club – Military Muster Approval – Wellness

Member Bobadilla reported that the next Military Muster was scheduled for June 28, 2022, to take place at the Continental Shooting Range located in Gilbert. The Wellness Pillar would have three to four resources available at the event for the veterans who attend.

Member Bobadilla motioned to have the next Military Muster on June 28, 2022, at the Continental Shooting Range; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0*

7. Veterans Advisory Board Logo Adoption

Vice Chair Rosenfeld motioned to approve the adoption of the Veterans Advisory Board logo.; Member Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0.*

COMMUNCIATIONS

8. Report from Staff

Nothing to report.

9. Subcommittee Reports

Veterans Wellness Pillar

Member Bobadilla informed the board that the next Wellness Pillar meeting originally scheduled for June 21, 2022, would be moved to an earlier date, but that date hadnot been decided yet.

USS Arizona Pillar

Member Rinesmith reported that Victor Le Mai had resigned from the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation Board and the foundation was currently looking for a total of 10 people to sit on the board. Member Rinesmith also mentioned that she ws looking for volunteers to help with a table at the 4th of July event.

Veteran Events Pillar

Vice Chair Rosenfeld reported that the Memorial Day event was this coming Monday, May 30, 2022. He said the Events Pillar ran into an AV issue but that had since been resolved. He said Sheri Deatheridge was the guest speaker at the event, and the Medal of Freedom would be presented to Hope Harrison, noting it was the civilian equivalent of a purple heart.

He noted Saturday was the drive by celebration for the WWII Gilbert Veteran who is turning 100 years old, and that the Impact News Paper would be running an article about the event.

He said the Events Pillar team was looking for a keynote speaker for Veterans Day, and the Veterans Medical Leadership Council Luncheon was on November 10, 2022, at the Biltmore for anyone who was interested in attending.

10. Report from Chair

Chair Rosenfeld reported out that there were eighteen people who applied to be on the Veterans Advisory Board but only four completed the video portion of the application. He said he chaired his last meeting for the Dignity Foundation last week and he also reminded the board of the history behind Memorial Day.

11. Report from Board Members

Nothing to report.

12. Report from Council Liaison

Not present.

13. Future Agenda Items and Review Future Meeting Dates

Chair Presmyk stated to let him know of any future agenda items.

Next Meeting Date: June 22, 2022

CONCLUSION

14. ADJOURN

Chair Presmyk adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Les Presmyk, Chair

Monica D'Ortenzio, Staff Liaison