

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN REGULAR MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Les Presmyk, Vice Chair Dave Rosenfeld, Members Michael Bailey, Lori Gauna-Barcklay, Charles Dine, Jim Lykins, and Pamela Rinesmith

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Brigette Peterson, Councilmember Kathy Tilque, and Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: Cathy Panella, Bill Spence, Danielle Skranak and Peyton Parker

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Presmyk called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Guest Peyton Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

Board members and guests went around the table and introduced themselves.

5. Communications from Citizens

Guest Bill Spence informed the Board that on July 9, 2022 there would be an All Candidates Call from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. He suggested maybe the Wellness Pillar could hold a Military Muster event during that time.

6. Approval of Minutes

Member Rinesmith moved to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting; Member Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0; Member Dine was not present during the vote.*

AGENDA ITEMS

7. Veterans Day Planning

Guest Peyton Parker, the lead for the planning of the Veterans Day Event that was to take place on November 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., went over the positive feedback from last year's event including the Veteran-owned businesses that participated along with the car show that Chris Marini put together and how they plan to incorporate those ideas and more into the coming year's event. He said a Veteran sign-up table would again be at this year's event to capture their contact information, with an added new question of if they owned a business to help capture Veteran-owned businesses. Vice Chair Rosenfeld said he had a speaker lined up for the event and banners and flyers would be ordered soon. He said Eric Garcia was going to work on a flyover again for the 2022 event. Members Lykins requested the flyers be ordered sooner than later so they could start to get the word out even if they were "save the date" flyers.

Member Dine arrived at the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

8. Fundraising & Financial/Purchasing Policies Update

Each Board member received the final draft policy that was created with Chair Presmyk and Kelly Pfof from Budget. Chair Presmyk requested the board members review the documents as he would be going before the Council in August to request approval on behalf of the board.

9. Pillar Assignments

Vice Chair Rosenfeld motioned to move agenda Item 9 to take place after agenda Item 12; Member Rinesmith seconded the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

The board decided that Chair Rosenfeld would act as an alternate to all Pillars. Board members went around the table and provided their first preference of pillar, then their second.

USS Arizona Pillar

1. Member Rinesmith – Pillar Leader
2. Vice Chair Lykins
3. Member Presmyk
4. Member Gauna-Barcklay

Events

1. Vice Chair Lykins – Pillar Leader
2. Member Bailey
3. Member Rinesmith
4. Member Dine

Wellness

1. Member Presmyk – Pillar Leader
2. Member Dine
3. Member Gauna-Barcklay
4. Member Bailey

Member Presmyk requested Pillar Co-leaders be assigned at the upcoming pillar meetings.

Chair Rosenfeld made the motion to approve the Pillar assignments and Pillar leaders as they were written in these minutes; Vice Chair Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

10. USS Arizona Legacy Foundation Update

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Guest Danielle Skranak informed the Board that until the USS Arizona Legacy Foundation had established all board members, they would then come to the Veterans Advisory Board to figure out the next steps. Guest Bill Spence continued by saying the Legacy Foundation was working on the logistics of their board and going through the same growing pains as Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) did. It was stated that after the Legacy Foundation had been established, they would then establish the commission committee. Danielle and Bill made it very clear that the VAB and Town of Gilbert were not responsible for any fundraising for the Legacy Foundation. Councilmember Tilque requested an evolving agreement be created to clearly outline what the Foundation was responsible for and Gilbert as the Host Town.

11. Treasurer Position

Chair Presmyk requested a motion to be made to establish a Treasurer's position as one of the three officers of the Veterans Advisory Board.

Vice Chair Rosenfeld motioned to establish a Treasurer's position to manage and interface with the Town staff and funds that were collected; Member Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 7-0*

12. Election of Officers:

- **Chair Officer Position**

Member Lykins nominated Vice Chair Rosenfeld as the Chair of the Veterans Advisory Board for the coming year; no other nominations were provided. *Motion carried 7-0.*

- **Vice Chair Officer Position**

Chair Rosenfeld nominated Member Lykins as the Vice Chair of the Veterans Advisory Board; no other nominations were provided. *Motion carried 7-0.*

- **Treasurer Officer Position**

Vice Chair Rosenfeld nominated Member Presmyk to take on the officer role of the Treasurer for the Veterans Advisory Board due to his past experience; no other nominations were provided. *Motion carried 7-0*

COMMUNICATIONS

13. Report from Staff

Nothing to report.

14. Pillar Leader Reports

Veterans Wellness Pillar

Member Presmyk reminded the Board that although Phil Bobadilla was no longer on the Board and a leader of the Wellness Pillar, he accomplished so many things for the Wellness Pillar while being on the Board. As the new Pillar Leader, Member Presmyk said he would be in contact with the new Wellness Pillar members.

USS Arizona Pillar

Member Rinesmith reported that the Gilbert 4th of July event was around the corner, and she still needed volunteers to help with the USS Arizona information table. Member Presmyk volunteered to help for a couple hours.

Veteran Events Pillar

Chair Rosenfeld reported on the great turnout for the WWII 100-year-old Veteran birthday. He said he appreciated everyone who supported the event and reported that next the Events Pillar would be moving forward with a banner program for the historic district with more details to come.

15. Report from Chair

Member Presmyk thanked everyone for their help and support in making the VAB what it was while he was the Chair. He said he had great people underneath him to take over and the only goal was to take care of our Veterans and their families.

16. Report from Board Members

Nothing to report.

17. Report from Council Liaisons

Councilmember Tilque noted an upcoming agenda item for the Tempe Veterans Court to appoint a judge. She said the Town's budget was approved at the last Gilbert Town Council meeting. She ported that the next Community Engagement Task Force meeting would be based on homelessness in Gilbert and Veterans would be part of the discussion.

Mayor Peterson reported that the last Gilbert Town Council meeting of the fiscal year would be the next week. She said Gilbert had entered into the Tier One Level of water conservation and there were conversations about public transit happening. She noted a small group of people were saying there were plans to bring the light rail through Gilbert but that was not the case; Amtrak was looking for potential railroad tracks to use in Gilbert but they would be utilizing the tracks that already went through the Town. Mayor Peterson presented an 80th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Coin to Vice Chair Lykins who was picked at random out of all the VAB board members.

18. Future Agenda Items

- Discuss how to do "one off" events for the future.
- Discussions of a possible veteran's park.

- Possible Wellness Pillar liaison to the Community Engagement Task Force
- Joint Meeting with (the legion) American Legion Post 39
- Next Meeting Date: August 24, 2022

CONCLUSION

19. ADJOURN

Chair Presmyk adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Les Presmyk, Chair

Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison