

MINUTES OF THE GILBERT VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD, IN SPECIAL MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2022, AT 5:00 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING II, CONFERENCE ROOM 100, GILBERT, ARIZONA

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councilmember Kathy Tilque

STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Brigette Peterson, Recreation Coordinator II Mike Leppert, and Staff Liaison Monica D’Ortenzio

GUESTS PRESENT: Eric Ballester, Chris Marini, Payton Parker, Alma Riedel, Charles Tobias, Jim Schorie and Erica Bailey

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

1. Call to Order

Chair Rosenfeld 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

Eric Ballester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Welcome and Introductions

Charles Tobias introduced himself.

5. Communications from Citizens

None.

6. Approval of Minutes

Treasurer Lykins moved to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022, meeting; Vice Chair Lykins seconded the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

AGENDA ITEMS

7. USS Arizona Pillar – Community Outreach

Future Events

Member Rinesmith informed the Board that the Gilbert Days Parade was coming up in November and everyone was invited to attend. She said the Board planned to have two banners made for the event and to use at future events. She noted the Gilbert Days Festival was on November 18 and 19, 2022, and the Board agreed to host a table on both days. She said Pearl Harbor Days was the week of December 7, 2022. She said the Board would be gathering volunteers to speak to 4th and 5th graders, and she was waiting to hear from Woody on how many teachers/schools would like to participate. Chair Rosenfeld requested Member Rinesmith create a running timeline of the USS Arizona events and details.

Vice Chair Lykins motioned to approve the expenditure of monies for two banners for the board; Treasurer Presmyk seconded the motion. *Motion carried 7-0.*

8. USS Arizona Pillar – Budget

Member Rinesmith was tasked to reach out to USS Arizona Foundation to see if they planned to purchase “All the Galant Men” books to use for fundraising, or if that was something the Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) should be doing.

9. USS Arizona Pillar – USS Arizona Legacy Foundation Update

USS Arizona Foundation Representative Danielle Skranak was unable to attend the meeting, but she emailed an update with the following information:

- Barbara Barrett had been confirmed as Chair
- Gordon James was confirmed as Board Member
- The Keel Laying event was now taking shape
- Nikki Bartram was now the "true" Ship Sponsor
- Group collecting data for Arizona World War (WW) II Veterans; this is for Keel Laying.
- There would be many Navy WWII veterans who cannot travel to Rhode Island so there would likely be a special event for them in Arizona.

10. Events Pillar – Veterans Day Planning

Payton Parker provided an update on the Veterans Day logistics. He said the Board planned to submit a proclamation and have it presented at the October 18, 2022 Town Council meeting. He said the Board brainstormed some ideas for a gift for the keynote speaker. Vice Chair Lykins said the coins for the event had been ordered.

Member Bailey left the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

11. Events Pillar – TOG Veteran Banner Program

Discussion to the Town of Gilbert Veteran Banner Program took place regarding price and information that would be displayed on the banners.

Treasurer Presmyk motioned to approve the sale of the banners at \$125.00 each with the information of name, rank, dates of service, branch of service and significant awards; Member Gauna-Barcklay seconded the motion. *Motion carried 6-0; Member Bailey was absent at the time of the vote.*

12. Events Pillar – TOG Veterans Discount Program

No update to provide.

13. Events Pillar – Proposed Events:

- Gilbert Days Parade
- Pearl Harbor Day: GPS 4th/5th Grade
 - Readings/Video/Visitations

Chair Rosenfeld and the Board felt those events had been discussed enough in the past and they had nothing new to add.

COMMUNICATIONS

14. Report from Staff

Congrats on being nominated for the Municipal Volunteer of the Year award.

15. Pillar Leader Reports

Veterans Wellness Pillar

None.

USS Arizona Pillar

None.

Veteran Events Pillar

None.

16. Report from Chair

None.

17. Report from Board Members

Treasurer Presmyk provided an update to the Board and guests that the Town Council approved the bylaws, fundraising and budget for the Board.

18. Report from Council Liaisons

Mayor Peterson informed the Board they were nominated for the Municipal Volunteer of the Year Award at the Gilbert Excellence Chamber Awards.

19. Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion.

CONCLUSION

20. ADJOURN

Chair Rosenfeld adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Dave Rosenfeld, Chair

Monica D’Ortenzio, Staff Liaison