



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

May 1, 2024 | 9:00 AM
Grace Sparks Activity Center
824 E. Gurley Street
Prescott, AZ 86301

AGENDA

The following Agenda will be considered by the **Mayor's Veterans Commission** at their meeting to be held **May 1, 2024**. Notice of this meeting is given pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 38-431.02.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from the March 6, 2024 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented
 - B. Update & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - C. Update & Discussion Regarding USVETS - Bryan Campbell.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - D. Update & Discussion Regarding the VA - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
 - E. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Update on Veterans Benefits - Reghan Stuller.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.
5. **UPDATES**
 - A. Staff Announcements
6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the Board, the Board may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:

- (1) Discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1));
- (2) Discussion or consideration of records exempt by law (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2));
- (3) Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3));
- (4) Discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid litigation (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4));
- (5) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5));
- (6) Discussion, consultation or consideration for negotiations by the city or its designated representatives with members of a tribal council, or its designated representatives, of an Indian reservation located within or adjacent to the city (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6));
- (7) Discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7)).

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING OF NOTICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing notice was duly posted at Prescott City Hall on 4/23/24 at 9:00 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

Sarah M. Siep

Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 1 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: May 1, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the March 6, 2024
Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the March 6, 2024 meeting minutes. Staff recommends approving the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

ATTACHMENTS

1. March 6, 2024 Veterans Commission Minutes



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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Steve Woods - Chair
Bryan Campbell – Member (Absent)
Craig Furst - Member
Bryan Houbek - Member
Richard Otto - Member
Edward Reiger – Member (Absent)
Jeff Timm - Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the January 3, 2024 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.
MOTION BY CHAIR STEVE WOODS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MEMBER RICHARD OTTO: PASSED (5 - 0)

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update - Steve Woods.
- a. The most recent Townhall in Yavapai Hills was well attended with more than 20 attendees. Megan Babcock from the VA spoke and feedback was positive with many Veterans getting help on the spot.
 - b. Chair Woods stressed the importance of the program and keeping it going by revisiting some of the neighborhoods that haven't been reached in the last year.
 - c. A timeline of the next events to occur through summer will be announced at the next meeting.
- C. VA Update – Craig Furst/Steve Sample
- a. Efforts continue with building connections with the reservation communities, including Navajo and Hopi.
 - b. Discussed the data in use which helps to determine where more connections can be made with the untethered, unconnected veterans.
 - c. The PACT Act expansion is in its next phase.
 - d. Many buildings at the VA are under renovation, with the goal of creating a "one stop shop" for care and additional housing.
 - e. The Kayenta VA Clinic will celebrate their expansion at an event on March 20th. Hopi Health and Tuba City VA also working to expand care.
 - f. Member Furst spoke on the Senior Referral Network event on March

20th and the upcoming Vets' Stand Down in Parker on March 15th.

- g. Other upcoming events include the Verde Valley Stand Down March 27th in Sedona, Bringing VA Benefits Home Event in Parker from April 12-13th and the Cruise in for Veterans Car Show on April 20th at the Heights Church in Prescott.
- h. Member Sample spoke on importance of these events, especially to serve the outlying areas.

4. UPDATES

A. Staff Announcements

- a. Member Houbek announced he had left Embry Riddle, looking forward to the new year and opportunities to come.
- b. Guest Richard Rodriguez spoke on Embry Riddle's efforts to raise funds for Hunter 7 group for this year's Veteran's Day event. One event is also planned for each semester, including a ROTC run on April 13th.
- c. Member Timm announced two upcoming military service days for the district. He will provide more information to the commission.
- d. Efforts still under way to get the VBA at the VA at least once per week for claim filing.
- e. Members will reach out to presenters not in attendance and look for future presenters to connect with formally.
- f. The Ernest A. Love statue at the Airport will be unveiled at event on April 11th at 1:00pm.
- g. Looking to expand the committee and find representatives committed to the effort.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:51 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 1 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: May 1, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Update & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect
Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings - Steve
Woods/Ed Reiger.

ITEM SUMMARY

Chairman Steve Woods and Member Ed Reiger will provide an update regarding the Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 1 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: May 1, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.C
SUBJECT: Update & Discussion Regarding USVETS - Bryan Campbell.

ITEM SUMMARY

Member Campbell will provide the Commission with an update on US Vets.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: May 1 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: May 1, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
SUBJECT: Update & Discussion Regarding the VA - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

ITEM SUMMARY

Members Craig Furst and Steve Sample will provide the Commission with an update on the VA.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

None



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.E
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Update on Veterans Benefits - Reghan Stuller.

ITEM SUMMARY

Northern Arizona Manager of Arizona Department of Veterans Services, Reghan Stuller, will provide the Commission with an update on Veterans Benefits.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No financial impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

None