



# City of Prescott

## Mayor's Veterans Commission

June 5, 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 **June 5, 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 May 1, 2024 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

**Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented**

- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding a Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.

**Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.**

- C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding a USVets Update – Bryan Campbell.

**Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.**

- D. Presentation & Discussion Regarding a VA Update – Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

**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 5/29/24 at 11:30 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.

*Sarah M. Siep*

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Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA: June 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission  
DATE: June 5, 2024  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.A  
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the May 1, 2024 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

## ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the May 1, 2024 meeting minutes. Staff recommends approving the minutes as presented.

## BACKGROUND

None.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

## ATTACHMENTS

1. May 1, 2024 Veterans Commission Minutes



# City of Prescott

## Mayor's Veterans Commission

May 1, 2024 | 9:00 AM  
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### MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 8:59 am.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Steve Woods – Chair  
Dan Berryman - Member  
Bryan Campbell – Member  
Marty Collins – Member (Absent)  
Craig Furst - Member  
Bryan Houbek – Member (Absent)  
Richard Otto - Member  
Edward Reiger – Member  
Carl Sperling - Member  
Jeff Timm - Member

#### 3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the March 6, 2024 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION BY CHAIR STEVE WOODS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MEMBER ED REIGER: PASSED (8 - 0)**

B. Update & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.

- a. The upcoming Town Hall is set for Touchmark at The Ranch for May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-5 pm.
- b. There are 68 residents with Veterans status at The Ranch. The Flyer for the event will show to go to the main lobby. The actual location is still being finalized.
- c. Various Veteran service organizations will be represented and will have computers to assist with exploring benefits and answering questions after the presentations.
- d. The next town hall meeting will be set for a couple of months out, most likely July, with tentative dates and locations for the upcoming meetings announced at the next commission meeting.
- e. Potential locations are Pinon Oaks, Timber Ridge, Mountain Club, or Prescott Lakes.

C. US Vets Update – Bryan Campbell.

- a. Elks Lodge in Prescott Valley is hosting the annual VA and Community Mental Health Summit on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be Stopping the Stigma.

- b. The Fort Whipple Project will break ground this fall with up to 80 units for the HUD-VASH vouchers.
  - c. Steps 4 Vets Virtual Run/Walk is set for Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. You can sign up and link it to your social meeting to let others know about the event. Next year the plan is to do the event in person.
  - d. The Suicide Prevention Grant provides assistance for anyone having barriers to employment, such as car repair expenses and other bill payment assistance. This includes spouses and caretakers of veterans. The grant has funding available through June and member Campbell asks members to refer anyone needing this type of assistance to US Vets.
  - e. The graduation ceremony for the program is coming up in June.
  - f. The Hub has screened many vets for a screening and about 30% of those screened are in risk classifications and referred to the VA for services.
  - g. The grant program is in its pilot phase, with one of the two networks being in AZ; there will be a congressional push to approve its expansion.
- D. VA Update – Craig Furst/Steve Sample
- a. Member Furst will be attending the event at Touchmark.
  - b. A Vets Resource Fair will be held in Kingman on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - c. Rural health coordinators, Andrew and Josh, will be having 7 events on the Navajo Nation between June and September.
  - d. Two upcoming events will be held at Sanders and Fort Defiance, AZ.
  - e. There are a couple Stand Down events coming up in Flagstaff, the High Country Stand Down May 15<sup>th</sup> and Twin Arrows on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Also at Twin Arrows will be The Moving Wall from May 30 – June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - f. Other upcoming events include a PTSD Awareness Walk and BBQ on June 1<sup>st</sup> and PTSD Awareness Equine Therapy and BBQ on June 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - g. Member Furst was also excited to announce the VA would be present at the upcoming Prescott Rodeo on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### 4. UPDATES

- A. Member Timm announced an event on May 11<sup>th</sup> for students considering military service and career opportunities. They have 20 RSVP's and are hopeful it will lead to a good number of appointments, like last year, as there were four appointments out of ten nominations.
- B. Members were asked to bring any items up that should be addressed at the congressional front. Parking behind the officer quarters was a suggestion.
- C. Members discussed the need to get a Veterans Benefits Administration rep to relocate to Prescott full time as the need is there and the data justifies it.
- D. The Fort Whipple Museum will be reopening on Fridays beginning on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- E. Guest Richard Rodriguez of Embry Riddle's Veterans Affairs Office offered to look at space at the university for VBA representatives to meet with veterans. He also provided information on the upcoming Gala Dinner on June 7<sup>th</sup>.
- F. Mayor Goode is pleased with the outreach efforts of the members and attendees, looking forward to this upcoming year. He also thanked the new members for joining the commission.
- G. Member Sperling offered to assist with the Prescott Lakes town hall meetings.
- H. Member Berryman also interested in helping where he can.
- I. The Cruise in for Vets Car Show was a success with two VBAs on site and over 30 new claims initiated. Many attendees saw it was difficult to get into the parking lot. Another venue such as the Findlay Toyota Center parking lot or mall parking lot were recommended.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Woods adjourned the meeting at 1  
9:54 AM.

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Steve Woods, Chair

ATTEST:

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Liz Boawn, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA: June 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission  
DATE: June 5, 2024  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.B  
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding a Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Meetings Update - 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: June 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission  
DATE: June 5, 2024  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.C  
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding a USVets Update  
– Bryan Campbell.

### ITEM SUMMARY

Member Campbell will provide the Commission with an update on USVets.

### 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: June 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission  
DATE: June 5, 2024  
DEPT: Human Resources  
ITEM #: 4.D  
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding a VA Update –  
Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

## ITEM SUMMARY

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

## BACKGROUND

None.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

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

## ATTACHMENTS

None