



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

November 1, 2023 | 9:00AM

Grace Sparks Activity Center

824 E. Gurley Street

Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pat Kuykendall called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Bryan Campbell - Member

Brandon Drake - Member

Craig Furst - Member

Bryan Houbek - Member

Pat Kuykendall - Chair

Richard Otto - Member

Edward Reiger - Member

Jeff Timm - Member

Mayor Phil Goode - Council Liaison

Patrice Brinkman - Staff Liaison

Absent - Steve Woods - Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of October 4, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Jeff Timm motioned to approve; Ed Reiger seconded. Passes unanimously.

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

a. Revisit the idea of Prescott Lakes area in January.

b. Potential for partnership with the Legion to use their space in spring.

c. Yavapai Hills suggested as a target area.

C. Update and Discussion Regarding US Vets from Bryan Campbell

a. The Veterans Quarterly Business mixer will be held at the new downtown hub on 11/6/23 at 5:00 PM

b. There will be a food drive at the Whipple Street location on 11/18/23

c. In the final stages of approval for expansion at the VA

d. US Vets is looking for volunteer help in the kitchens this season

D. VA Update - Craig Furst

a. The VA job fair on 10/21 yielded a successful amount of candidates

b. Working with VBA regional office on getting an in-person representative to be available for benefits inquiries

c. Expanding buildings to have more primary care available

d. Working towards creating a more 'psychologically safe' place to work

E. Presentation & Update from Recreation Services Administrative Supervisor

Michelle Stacy-Schroeder Regarding the Upcoming Veterans Day Parade

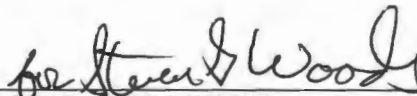
- a. The Veteran's Day parade is scheduled for 11/11/23 at 10:00 AM
- b. As of this meeting there are 115 entries for floats, making this the biggest Veteran's Day Parade Prescott has had yet
- c. There will be a ceremony and wreath lay to begin the ERAU ROTC's 24-hour change of guard on the Courthouse Square starting at 10:00 AM on 11/10/23
- d. Master of Ceremony will be Stan Goligoski, Keynote Speaker will be Congressman Crane, other speakers include Mayor Phil Goode and Steve Sample
- e. The parade is expected to end around 12:30 PM

F. Announcements

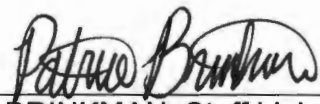
- a. Ernest A. Love's birthday will be celebrated on 11/30 at the American Legion at 5:30 PM
- b. ERAU will be hosting it's first Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on 11/7 at 5:00 PM to provide education on proper flag retirement
- c. The Veteran's Symposium and Job Fair had a great turnout

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Kuykendall adjourned the meeting at 10:10 A.M.


PATRICK KUYKENDALL, Chair

ATTEST:


PATRICE BRINKMAN, Staff Liaison