



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

January 3, 2024 | 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
Craig Furst - Member
Bryan Houbek - Member
Pat Kuykendall – Chair
Edward Reiger – Member
Steve Woods – Member
Mayor Phil Goode – Council Liaison
Liz Boawn – Staff Liaison

Absent - Brandon Drake – Member
Absent - Jeff Timm – Member
Absent - Richard Otto – Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of November 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes
Steve Woods motioned to approve; Ed Reiger seconded. Passes unanimously.
- B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger
 - a. The first half of the year is being finalized.
 - b. February or March location will be the American Legion.
 - c. Yavapai Hills, Pinon Oaks suggested as a target areas for later spring.
 - d. The North Prescott area suggested for May or June, may be consolidated.
 - e. Considering further means for public outreach.
- C. Update and Discussion Regarding US Vets from Bryan Campbell
 - a. Bryan announced his new position as Executive Director at US Vets, plans to remain on commission.
 - b. The new Veterans Connection Hub is up and running, providing a good place to connect. February's commission meeting to be held at the Hub.
 - c. Holiday events were very successful. Bryan encouraged volunteer help year-round.
 - d. Housing expansion at the VA to break ground in August of 2024.
 - e. Fundraising is strong, many efforts exist to address homelessness, financial resources are available.

D. VA Update – Craig Furst

- a. The Senior Network January event will be on 1/9/24 from 5:00 to 7:30PM.
- b. Other events VA will be on site for are the Parker 400, an enrollment event on MLK day, and Wickenburg stand down. See Craig for further details.
- c. The VA clinic in Chinle now has a full-time nurse practitioner on site.
- d. Craig is partnering with Judge Padilla for 2024 to assist with Vet connections.
- e. The VBA will be on site at Building 14 on 1/10/24 and 1/24/24, looking to offer weekly access in the future.

E. Recap on Veterans Day Parade

- a. The parade was the biggest in the state with 115 entries.
- b. The cadets did a great job helping with the event.

Announcements

- a. The Veterans Quarterly Business mixer will be held at Springhill Suites on Sheldon St. on 2/5/24 at 5:00 PM.
- b. The 12th Annual Cruise-In for the Veterans is scheduled for April 20th
- c. Bryan Houbek announced gearing up for more cadets in the Spring.
- d. Steve Woods announced the expansion of the Veterans cemetery.
- e. All are encouraged to look at businesses and companies in the quad cities employing veterans as convenient means to expand the outreach efforts in 2024. Notify Craig Furst of any companies to contact.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Kuykendall adjourned the meeting at 9:59 A.M.


PATRICK KUYKENDALL, Chair

ATTEST:


LIZ BOAWN, Staff Liaison