



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

October 2, 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 **October 2, 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 September 4, 2024 Veterans Commission Meeting.
Recommended Action: MOVE to approve the minutes as presented

B. Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.
Recommended Action: This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

C. Presentation & Discussion Regarding 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. General Announcements and Updates

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 9/19/24 at 11:00 a.m. in accordance with the statement filed by the Prescott City Council with the City Clerk.



Sarah M. Siep, City Clerk



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: October 2 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: October 2, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2024 Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for approval of the September 4, 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. September 4, 2024 Veterans Commission Minutes



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MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS - Chair
DAN BERRYMAN – Member
BRYAN CAMPBELL – Member (Excused)
MARTY COLLINS - Member
CRAIG FURST - Member
BRYAN HOUBEK – Member (Excused)
RICHARD OTTO – Member (Excused)
EDWARD REIGER - Member
CARL SPERLING – Member
JEFF TIMM – Member (Excused)

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the July 3, 2024, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY MEMBER MARTY COLLINS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MEMBER ED REIGER: PASSED (5 - 0)

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

- a. Member Berryman spoke on the recent townhall event at Prescott Lakes being a good event. The food provided was good and there were at least 30 residents in attendance.
- b. Chair Woods acknowledged the good cooperation from the venue as the reason for the event being successful.
- c. Mayor Goode asked the members if there was any follow-up from the event or comments provided. There weren't many comments but the military spouses really appreciate getting to learn about the benefits.
- d. Chair Woods announced that the new point of contact for the cemetery services would be provided for the next townhall event.
- e. Member Reiger will be asking for more flyers to handout at future events.
- f. A plan for the next townhall meeting will be announced at the next commission meeting.
- g. Member Collins asked for some history on the previous locations of the events.
- h. Guest Richard Rodriguez, Veterans Service Coordinator at Embry Riddle offered to have an event at the Lower Hanger if there was an interest. This

would cover some of the nearby neighborhoods without an HOA.

- i. Member Reiger brought up the address listings which could be pulled by the VA based on street names for future outreach and promotion of the events.
- j. Chair Woods restated that the successful events are those who have a homeowners association as they have the means to spread the word. He went on state the course of action would first be Pinon Oaks and then Hassyampa and they would work to cut down the amount of time between events, to be only two months.
- k. Member Reiger suggested utilizing HOAMCO for a listing of HOA's.
- l. Member Berryman was attending a meeting at their location on September 5th and would check on the possibility of a list.
- m. Chair Woods restated the set up for the next event will be announced at the next meeting.

C. Update and Discussion Regarding US Vets from Bryan Campbell.

- a. Member Campbell was not in attendance but had one update to share. The annual Stand Down in Yavapai County is scheduled for September 20-21st.
- b. Volunteers are still being sought and Chair Woods called for anyone interested to reach out to him for the contact information.

D. Update and Discussion Regarding a VA Update from Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

- a. Member Furst provided a packet for the PACT ACT and other VA benefits to the commission and explained how this packet is an important tool in the field.
- b. Member Reiger commented on the difficulties with getting the help on the compensation side of things and issues with the state losing track of records.
- c. Member Furst followed with the efforts being put forward to address the issues.
- d. Guest Richard Rodriguez spoke on his own experience getting help with benefits, specifically at the Veterans Connection Hub, as a good experience.
- e. For upcoming events, there is a Poker Run event this Saturday, a recovery month event on September 12th from 11am-1pm, and a new VA group is meeting at Rafter 11 every Thursday.
- f. For the Hope Fest event, the VA will have 6 tents and be available from 8am to 4pm, before the evening performances begin.
- g. Other events include a Vets social gathering on September 25th at 10am at Founding Father's and the Lake Havasu Stand Down on October 19th.
- h. The Canyon Run Senior Living Apartments are seeing some changes and it could displace many veterans living there.

4. UPDATES

- A. Staff Liaison Liz Boawn brought up the Veterans Parade as a topic for the next meeting. Chair Woods agreed on having more information at the next meeting.
- B. Member Sperling commented on the recent town hall event and was impressed

- that the spouses were invited.
- C. Guest Richard Rodriguez is the guest speaker at the September 11th Memorial Ceremony in Chino Valley. He also spoke on an upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 14th at 5pm at Embry Riddle.
 - D. Mayor Goode thanked member Berryman for his work on the town hall event.
 - E. Chair Woods reminded members he would be available after the meeting to give out any point of contact information.
 - F. Mayor Goode emphasized the Veterans' spouse element in outreach efforts, since many do not know what benefits they are eligible for. He was thankful for all who contributed to making the town hall event a great event.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:56 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

LIZ BOAWN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: October 2 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: October 2, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.

ITEM SUMMARY

Chair 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
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DATE: October 2, 2024
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.C
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding 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
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DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding a VA Update - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

ITEM SUMMARY

Member Craig Furst 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