



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

November 6, 2024 | 9:00 AM

Grace Sparks Activity Center

824 E Gurley Street

Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Member Reiger called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS – Chair (Excused)

DAN BERRYMAN – Member (Excused)

BRYAN CAMPBELL – Member (Excused)

MARTY COLLINS - Member

CRAIG FURST - Member

BRYAN HOUBEK – Member (Excused)

RICHARD OTTO – Member

EDWARD REIGER - Member

RICHARD RODRIGUEZ – Member

CARL SPERLING – Member

JEFF TIMM – Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the October 2, 2024, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY MEMBER CARL SPERLING TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED; SECONDED BY MEMBER JEFF TIMM: PASSED (7 - 0)

- B. Update and Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update – Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.
- Member Reiger spoke to Chair Woods last week regarding the Town Hall meeting at the Hassayampa. Steve was in contact with the HOA and was going to follow up and have an answer at this meeting.
 - Member Collins attended the recent open session meeting and said there was no mention of the townhall event; it wasn't discussed by the board. He questioned if it could have been discussed at their executive session.
 - Members brought up the complexity of the multiple organizations that are involved and the potential need to postpone the event until after the first of the next year.
 - Member Reiger would be reaching out to Chair Woods and let the commission know by sending out an email.
 - The tentative date was going to be November 20th.
 - Mayor Goode spoke on the lack of time to properly advertise as a hindrance to the productivity of the event. He went on to suggest we table the discussion to the next meeting for a possible meeting date mid-

January.

- g. Member Timm commented that if the event was approved to be held at the Capital Canyon Club, then it should be okay to proceed with the event at a future date and continue the efforts.

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

- a. Member Campbell was not present to give any update.

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

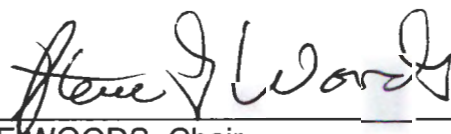
- a. Member Furst mentioned he was heading into a slow time for VA events. He will be attending the upcoming Senior Referral Network on November 12th. It is a pretty good meeting space for outreach.
- b. For upcoming events, there is luncheon at the Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe on November 13th for tribal members, veterans and employees.
- c. Representative from the VA will be in attendance at the upcoming Veterans parade and there are a few other events including the Marine Corps birthday party, Operation Turkey Drop at the Elks Lodge, as well as the National Guard and Space Force birthdays in December.
- d. There are several Veterans Resources fairs scheduled for the beginning of the year as well as the VBA Claims Clinics for each month, scheduled out for the next year.

4. UPDATES

- A. Member Rodriguez spoke about the upcoming Flag Retirement Ceremony on November 14th at Embry Riddle. It is the second annual event and there will be a section in the program to honor several fallen local service members.
- B. Member Furst asked if flags brought to the VA could be given to Member Rodriguez or ERAU for this annual event, to which Member Rodriguez replied he would take them.
- C. Member Timm announced the congressional office was looking into the discrepancies with the Veterans Affairs budget. Within their office they are also taking over cases related to awards and recognition. One example provided was a ceremony put together for a Vietnam Veteran and Bronze Star Medal recipient in Munds Park.
- D. Member Timm also spoke on the military academy nominations. The program is going well with 11 applications, three being from the Prescott area.
- E. Mayor Goode wrapped up the meeting with positive comments about the future of our country and upcoming Veteran's Day events. He let the committee know he would not be at the Veteran's Day parade, as he was attending an event at the Embry Riddle Campus in Daytona, Florida with the City Manager.

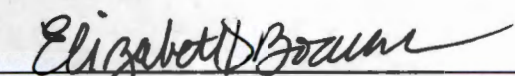
5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Member Reiger adjourned the meeting at 9:37 AM.



STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:



LIZ BROWN, Staff Liaison