



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

December 4, 2024 | 9:00 AM

Grace Sparks Activity Center

824 E Gurley Street

Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 8:56 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

STEVE WOODS – Chair

DAN BERRYMAN – Member (Excused)

BRYAN CAMPBELL – Member (Excused)

MARTY COLLINS - Member

CRAIG FURST – Member (Excused)

BRYAN HOUBECK – Member

RICHARD OTTO – Member

EDWARD REIGER - Member

RICHARD RODRIGUEZ – Member

CARL SPERLING – Member

JEFF TIMM – Member

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

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

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

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

- a. Chair Woods spoke to Mayor Goode in length regarding the next Town Hall meeting at the Hassayampa. The decision has been made to move it to January 16th or 17th.
- b. Members gave their preference for Thursday the 16th, rather than the Friday the 17th, for the event.
- c. After getting the other members' feedback, Chair Woods announced they would go with the 16th and he would get with Dawn Stoner the HOA Manager for HOAMCO.

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

- a. Josh Lawton attended the meeting representing US Vets.
- b. The lease was signed to initiate the Fort Whipple campus transformation to include the renovation of the officers' quarters as affordable supportive housing units for veterans. There will also be a

whole new complex with approximately 100 units, 84 of them being for the HUD VASH vouchers.

- c. The HUB is at 92% capacity.
- d. US Vets continues to work a lot with the Yavapai County Correctional Facility and has had the ability to connect many veterans to services.

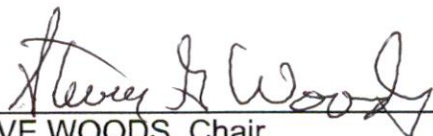
- D. Update and Discussion Regarding a VA Update from Craig Furst/Steve Sample.
 - a. Member Craig Furst, Steve Sample, and other Veteran Affairs staff were not in attendance. They were attending the dedication of the new and improved Lake Havasu VA Clinic
 - b. Member Rodriguez suggested that the commission members could offer assistance to the local organization in Lake Havasu, while they get up and running.

4. UPDATES

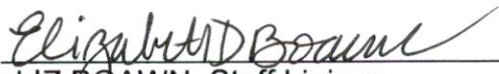
- A. Staff Liaison Liz Boawn brought up the question of moving the meetings to another day of the week. Members spoke on the possibility of moving the meetings to the first Thursday of the month, rather than the first Wednesday of the month. Chair Woods suggested we bring it up at the January meeting when Mayor Goode is in attendance.
- B. Member Rodriguez spoke on the recent Flag Retirement Ceremony. With over 300 attendees, it was a very emotional event which honored some local fallen. There was a lot of positive feedback and with it being such a great event, they will be looking at a possible larger venue for next year's ceremony.
- C. Member Timm announced the academy nominations were closing, and one applicant had withdrawn. He is looking forward to this next year.
- D. Chair Woods announced a future partnership with JROTC at Prescott Unified School District.
- E. Member Collins suggested they start thinking about the next location for a town hall event after Hassyampa, considering some of the difficulties with planning the current event. Member Reiger brought up the HOA list he had received from Member Furst as a good resource. The location will be determined at the next meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairs Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:16 AM.


STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:


LIZ BOAWN, Staff Liaison