



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

March 5, 2025 | 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 **March 5, 2025**. 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 the February 5, 2025 Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

Recommended Action: MOVE to approve 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. Staff Announcements

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 2/27/25 at 12:00 p.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: March 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: March 5, 2025
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.A
SUBJECT: Approval of Minutes from the February 5, 2025
Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for the approval of the February 5, 2025 meeting minutes. Staff recommends approving the minutes as presented.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

MOVE to approve minutes as presented

ATTACHMENTS

1. February 5, 2025 Veterans Commission Minutes



City of Prescott

Mayor's Veterans Commission

February 5, 2025 | 9:00 AM

US Vets Hub
120 N Marina St
Prescott, AZ 86301

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woods called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of the January 5, 2025, Mayor's Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes.

MOTION BY MEMBER MARTY COLLINS 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.
- a. Chair Woods started the meeting with the status of the booking of the event at The Ranch. He said that Member Reiger was able to find the right point of contact and they are positive about getting it moving forward.
 - b. February 20th was the ideal date but no longer going to work as they are still trying to get approval to have the event. The speakers couldn't be contacted until the event is finalized. The second or last week of March was now on the table, and will be announced at the March meeting.
 - c. The potential date for the Hassayampa event was still being looked at, with neither entities coming to a decision. Chair Woods announced that April was still a possibility.
- C. Update and Discussion Regarding US Vets from Bryan Campbell.
- a. Member Campbell spoke on the location of our meeting and the space funded by the Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program.

To date, the grant has provided suicide screenings for over 400 individuals. He also gave an overview of the Women Vets on Point Initiative and how it has been helping local veterans.

- b. Member Campbell explained how the use of the suicide grant also helps both the Prescott and the Camp Verde detention centers with screening their populations, which provides a valuable opportunity to offer services such as telehealth visits, housing assistance, and employment services.
 - c. Mayor Sperling asked about the suicide prevention hotline, and if this information made it back to US Vets. Member Campbell stated the Hub only took care of drop-ins and in-person assessments, but if it's determined that the veteran needs help, they call a crisis team and take them to the VA. Campbell also spoke on the 988 Suicide and Crisis Line and how it dispatches a local team and a counselor to wherever the individual is. The Liberty Point office also has the resources to link the veterans to the appropriate resources. Campbell went on to let the members know he would look into the flow of the suicide lines with local services and bring the information back to the commission.
- D. Update and Discussion Regarding a VA Update from Craig Furst/Steve Sample.
- a. Chair Woods had not heard from Member Furst but acknowledged the high impact item that was happening with the VA as some of the service providers could be applying through the OPM to get out of the VA, which could affect staffing and services.

4. UPDATES

- A. Chair Woods announced the Women Veteran Virtual Town Hall coming up on Thursday, February 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event is open to any women serviced across northern Arizona.
- B. Member Campbell announced funds available for veterans at risk of homelessness. Included in that are women veterans as they are seeing a rise in the number of women veterans locally who are seeking services.
- C. Member Berryman announced the next VETS Connect Quarterly Business Mixer would be at the Post 6 American Legion in Prescott on May 5th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is also the annual Kiwanis Auction coming up March 27th through April 2nd, which benefits local kids and families.
- D. Member Timm announced they are currently doing outreach with the class of 2030 students for applying for the military academy. Chair Woods stated that the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University freshman may have interest in learning about the program as well.
- E. Member Rodriguez announced the Arena Cross Championship was this weekend and there are free tickets available to active, retired and veteran service members.
- F. Member Collins updated the commission on his contact with the Courtyard at the Gardens at Willow Creek. They were not interested in any arrangement for a town hall event.
- G. Member Campbell remarked that 86% of the veteran population was over 50 years old, while the remainder were younger than 50 years of age, which may want to be considered when planning future events.
- H. Mayor Goode closed the meeting with the announcement of the possibility of the

commission being dissolved at the end of his term. He would like to see a few more successful events this year and looks forward to providing as much benefit to the community as possible in this time left.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairs Woods adjourned the meeting at 9:43 AM.

STEVE WOODS, Chair

ATTEST:

LIZ BOAWN, Staff Liaison



TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA: March 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: March 5, 2025
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.B
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall Update - Steve Woods/Ed Reiger.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for an update regarding Vet-Connect Neighborhood Town Hall. Chair Woods and Member Reiger will present.

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
AGENDA: March 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission
DATE: March 5, 2025
DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.C
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding USVETS Update - Bryan Campbell.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for an update regarding USVets. Member Campbell will present.

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
AGENDA: March 5 Mayor's Veterans Commission
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DEPT: Human Resources
ITEM #: 4.D
SUBJECT: Presentation & Discussion Regarding a VA Update - Craig Furst/Steve Sample.

ITEM SUMMARY

This item is for an update regarding the VA. Member Craig Furst will present.

BACKGROUND

None.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This item is for discussion only. No formal action will be taken.

ATTACHMENTS

None