



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission February 15, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Phillip Kraft
Chantele Carr
Celia Sadhu
Timothy Rogers
William "Bill" Blair
Randy Elston

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances-

The Tempe Veterans Commission welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

**Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of January 4, 2022 minutes
Commission – review**

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE January 4, 2022, minutes by Phillip Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members William “Bill” Blair, Phillip Kraft, Celia Sadhu, Timothy Rogers and Randy Elston

Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks

Glad to see everyone here, had to delay the meeting a couple of weeks. Unfortunately, some of the guest speakers were not able to make the meeting. This is Tim’s last meeting, moving to Portland. Congratulations to Tim.

Agenda Item 6 – Arizona National Guard Outreach to Veterans

Mr. Partridge not joining tonight. Reschedule for March meeting.

Agenda Item 7 – Point Man International Ministries – George Palermo

Agenda Item 8 – Draft Revised Ordinance

Octavia went over the change of the ordinance, seat for the designated Arizona Dept. of Veterans Services. Discussion including veteran owned businesses. Discussion of approval process, go through Mayor office. Discussion of conflict of interest. Discussion of time limit of attending session and missing meetings.

Agenda Item 9 – Draft February Veterans E-Blast

Review for any additions or comments. Any other additions, please send to Octavia by Friday, end of business day. Suggest adding a couple of lines for resources, a support/crisis line.

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Abe- to volunteer Mr. Jeffrey Partridge to be at the next meeting. Bill- does not have anything. Celia- does not have anything. Chantele- MCC will be closed for spring break March 14 through the 18 for the entire week. Phil- does not have anything. Randy- does not have anything. Tim- made his announcement earlier on regarding new position. Kevin- discussing wheelchair games coming up, needing volunteers get information to Jeremy to get the information out. Red, White and Blue Ceremony coming March 23, In person at Grace Community and broadcasting online.

Agenda Item 11- Future Agenda Items- March 1, 2022

Phil- suggest bringing Patriot Guard Riders – to participate and speak about their mission. Kevin has a contact to give to Jeremy.

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member William “Bill” Blair

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Timothy Rogers

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members William “Bill” Blair, Celia Sadhu, Chantele Carr, Phillip Kraft, Randy Elston

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 1, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Rosemary Arriaga
Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission