



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission May 3, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 6:00 p.m., via In-person.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Chantele Carr
William "Bill" Blair
Phillip Kraft
Randy Elston
Beno Thomas

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Celia Sadhu

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director
Danielle Palka, Admin Assistant II

Guest:

Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage
Tanya Chavez, Sr Management Assistant City of Tempe
Heidi Kimball, Sunbelt Holdings
Lorenzo Perez, Venue Projects
Maria Laughner, City of Tempe Economic Development
Sean Green, City of Tempe CARE 7

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 April 5, 2022 minutes

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE April 5, 2022, minutes by Phil Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

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

Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr thanked Councilmember Robin Arredondo-Savage for her service and dedication to the City. She then shared that the Veterans Memorial Park is progressing and has a developer on board. The City will soon be posting to hire a Veterans Coordinator.

Agenda Item 6 – Hayden Flour Mill Redevelopment

Marie Laughner opened up to introduce the project. Heidi Kimball, Sunbelt Holdings and Lorenzo Perez, Venue Projects then presented on the joint venture to redevelop the Hayden Flour Mill which included background on their respective companies, examples of other similar projects and the current vision for the space. There will be much community involvement with the design and development process. 5C’s will be guiding concepts for the redevelopment; Culture, Community, Collaboration, Commerce, Culinary as the Hayden Flour Mill redevelopment is a legacy project.

Agenda Item 7 – Human Services CARE 7 Annual Update

Sean Green reviewed the CARE 7 model and spoke of some changes and internal restructuring to better serve clients. CARE 7 is moving towards ascertaining if a 911 call requires a police response with the CARE 7 Crisis van or if the Mental Health Response Team with no police response is better suited for the call. He shared how veterans may be served by CARE 7 with their response teams and also their presence at the East Valley Regional Veterans Court.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Beno – no update. Phil - Community Salutes is 6pm on May 9, 2022 at Tempe Center for the Arts.

Abe – AZ National Guard is launching a new program for the military specifically on parenting: ADAPT Parenting. It is open to military and veteran families. For more info contact Abe and www.adaptparenting.org.

Chantele – no update. Jeremy – please look into ordering nametags for board members. Octavia – this Friday is the Board and Commission Appreciation. RSVP to Octavia.

Bill – no update. Randy -no update

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – June 7, 2022

Agenda items for May – Arizona Department of Veteran Services update. Any suggestions, concerns or comments for the next agenda, please reach out to Octavia.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Phil Kraft.

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Abe McCann, Vice-Chair

AYES: Randy Elston, Beno Thomas, Chantele Carr, Chair Jeremy Farr, William “Bill” Blair

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be on June 7, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Danielle Palka

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission