

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
VETERAN MEMORIAL BOARD
RIVERSIDE CONFERENCE ROOM
February 1, 2018**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Veterans Memorial Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8866-A W. Thunderbird Road in open and public session at the Rio Vista Recreation Center at 5:06 p.m.

Members Present: Anthony VanGoethem, Anthony Irby, Russ Lachance, Tad Snidecor and Terry Brezina

Members Absent: Milan (Luke) Lukich and Eric Gagomiros

Municipal Officials Present: John Sefton, Community Services Director; Bill Moss, Special Events Supervisor; Bill Patena, Councilmember; Karen Halstead, Council Assistant and Cree Thul, Lead Customer Service Rep

Audience: 0

1) CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made by Terry Brezina to approve the consent agenda items including the absences and the minutes from the November 2, 2107 meeting. Anthony VanGoethem seconded the motion, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1) 2017 VETERANS DAY EVENT RECAP

Bill Moss shared the event was a success. The Friday night football game was well attend for a Fall League game. Approximately 400 runners participated in the run, 300-350 people attended the event at Rio Vista and the Taste and Tribute evening event was good too. There are 20 new applications for the Honor Wall. No action taken

NEW BUSINESS

1) VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018

A motion was made by Anthony Irby to nominate Tad Snidecor for Chair, Tad accepted. Terry Brezina seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Anthony Irby to nominate Russ LaChance for Co-Chair, Russ accepted. Terry Brezina seconded the motion, and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. PASSED

2) NEW BOARD MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Tad Snidecor introduced himself and provided a brief military and work history. No action taken

3) VETERANS MEMORIAL WAR TIME EVENT

John Sefton informed the board that the Vietnamese Community of Arizona has requested sponsorship. The proposed verbiage: *The Vietnamese community of Arizona is proud to honor not only those that served in the U.S. Armed Forces to whom the freedom loving Vietnamese people are eternally grateful, but also to honor those Vietnamese veterans serving in the South Vietnamese Armed Forces that fought side by side with the Americans. In order to defend freedom, they risked not only their own lives but also the lives of their*

entire families for the cause. A vast number of these veterans who served in the South Vietnamese Armed Forces are now American Citizens as well and it is an honor to recognize the sacrifices made by these heroes in the defense of freedom. Tad Snidecor expressed that there could be a plaque by the Huey with this information, in lieu of adding the wall. John Sefton reminded the board that the Veterans Memorial Wall includes conflicts and non-conflict events. Anthony Irby expressed the importance of the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and that they were our allies. A motion was made by Terry Brezina to approve the verbiage for the Vietnamese Community of Arizona for the wall. Tad Snidecor seconded the motion and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously. John Sefton informed the board the next step will be to review with the Mayor and Councilmember Patena. PASSED

4) WEST MEC CAMPUS EVENT

Bill Moss shared with the board that West Mec is hosting a community event celebrating first responders, active duty military and veterans. The organization would like to know if the board would like to have an information table. Russ Lachance said he was willing to represent the board. No action taken

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: (NON-AGENDA ITEMS): None

REPORT FROM STAFF: None

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Tad Snidecor, Chair

Cree Thul, Lead Customer Service Rep