

**CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD
RIO VISTA RECREATION CENTER
RIVERSIDE CONFERENCE ROOM**

August 1, 2019

A **Regular Meeting** of the Veterans Memorial Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8866-A West Thunderbird Road in open and public session at the Rio Vista Recreation Center at 5:12 p.m.

Members Present: Tad Snidecor, Anthony Irby, Eric Gagomiros and Terry Brezina

Members Absent: Anthony VanGoethem and Milan (Luke) Lukich

Municipal Officials Present: John Sefton, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director; Daniel Murillo, Council Assistant, and Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant

Audience: 0

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Anthony Irby moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, including the absences and minutes from the February 7, 2019 meeting. Eric Gagomiros seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. McCain Plaza Enhancement Project

John Sefton presented a new brochure that illustrates the enhancements to the memorial plaza and outlines the sponsorship opportunities. The McCain family is supportive of the project, and the memorial plaza will be completed in time for the Veterans Day celebration on November 11.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Veterans Moving Wall

Mr. Sefton stated the Veterans Moving Wall will be on display at Rio Vista Park's Veterans Memorial September 5 through 9, and will be available for viewing 24 hours a day. The wall is a ½-scale replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, DC. The opening ceremony, scheduled for September 5, at 8:00 a.m., will feature a flyover and a short program. A closing ceremony will take place on September 9, at 3:00 p.m.

Discussion followed regarding volunteer shifts and assignments, and activities that will be taking place during the exhibit.

Mr. Snidecor mentioned Senator Sinema's office is coordinating a class at Rio Vista on Monday, September 9, to educate veterans regarding ambulance billing and the Mission Act.

4. Veterans Day Celebration

Mr. Sefton stated the planning process is underway for this year's Veterans Day celebration. Special Events staff is working to secure speakers, entertainment and a possible flyover. Approximately 50 people have already ordered space on the Honor Wall, which will be unveiled during the celebration.

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

REPORT FROM STAFF

Due to the Veterans Moving Wall exhibit conflicting with the Board's regular meeting date, Mr. Sefton asked if the Board wished to reschedule the September meeting. After discussion, the Board decided to reschedule the meeting to September 12.

Mr. Sefton stated there is a vacancy on the Board. He asked the Board members to direct those interested in serving to the City Clerk's website to complete an application. The appointment process can take some time.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Gagomiros mentioned upcoming events organized by the Arizona Law Enforcement Emerald Society. He brought flyers for an October 12 golf tournament and an upcoming charity ride. Mr. Sefton stated staff will scan and email the flyers to the Board.

Mr. Irby stated that he will be attending the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Convention in Orlando this weekend, as he will be accepting an award for DAV Employee of the Year!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Tad Snidecor, Chair


Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant