

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

February 6, 2020

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 in the Lakeview East Conference Room, at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Tad Snidecor, Anthony Irby, Anthony VanGoethem and Donald Scott

Members Absent: Terry Brezina

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

Audience: 0

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Irby moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, including the absences and minutes from the December 5, 2019 meeting. Mr. VanGoethem seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Veteran Initiative Coordination

Mr. Sefton stated that Chairman Snidecor, Councilmember Patena and he are participating in a series of meetings with City management and the Peoria Chamber of Commerce to discuss potential opportunities to engage local veterans in the community.

Chairman Snidecor stated he would like to develop a vision and communicate a plan to the Mayor and Council of how the Board can best participate in reaching out and assisting area veterans.

In response to a question from Councilmember Patena, Chairman Snidecor stated the end goal would be for the City of Peoria to be known as a city that welcomes and supports veterans.

Councilmember Patena mentioned there is an organization that travels the country to honor local Gold Star families, and he would like to see that as a highlight for Veterans Day this year.

Discussion followed regarding local Gold Star families and how best to honor them at the Veterans Memorial.

Board Member Irby called Raymond Perez, who runs "Operation Restoring Veteran Hope," a local, nonprofit organization that supports veterans with recreational and teambuilding opportunities. Mr. Perez highlighted what his organization does, and stated they are planning an event for May 16—Armed Forces Day—which will include a motorcycle ride and picnic in a park. He is seeking a location.

Mr. Sefton stated he would do some research and see if there are any locations available on that date, and will be in contact with Mr. Perez.

Mr. Perez was invited to come speak with the Board at the March 5 meeting.

Board Member Scott mentioned that he is working on a video project featuring veterans.

Discussion followed regarding incorporating veteran-created art into Peoria's parks.

No action taken

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

REPORT FROM STAFF:

Mr. Sefton stated Spring Training begins on February 22. He also reminded Board members to RSVP to the Boards and Commissions dinner, which will be held on February 28.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

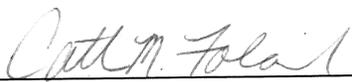
Chairman Snidecor mentioned there is an entrepreneurship event coming up at Rio Vista on February 24. He will send staff a flyer to distribute.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:03 p.m.



Tad Snidecor, Chair



Cathy Foland, Executive Assistant