

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

**March 5, 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 5:10 p.m.

Members Present: Tad Snidecor, Anthony Irby, Terry Brezina and Donald Scott

Members Absent: Anthony VanGoethem

Municipal Officials Present: John Sefton, Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Director; Ted Mariscal, Assistant City Attorney; and Jenna Sauer, Administrative Assistant

Audience: 2

1. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brezina moved to approve the Consent Agenda items, including the absences and minutes from the February 6, 2020 meeting. Mr. Irby seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Veteran Initiative Coordination

No further action taken

NEW BUSINESS

4. Veteran Court

Chairman Snidecor mentioned that there is not a veteran's court in the West Valley.

Mr. Sefton reached out to the Peoria Police Department and Peoria City Court, and said the Court has a good process; however, due to the small number of cases, they do not offer a separate veterans court. Veterans may share their circumstances—such as joblessness and homelessness—with the Court, who will consider each situation.

The Court does convene its *Misdemeanor Repeat Offender Program (MROP)*, where veterans may be seen on a daily basis. Mr. Sefton said the Court has offered an educational presentation to the Board to explain how they administer the programs. He also mentioned that the City's Neighborhood and Human Services Department is focusing on this area, using citywide cross-functional support systems to assist individuals.

Chairman Snidecor stated he is happy Peoria has something in place to help the veterans, and he would like to see the presentation.

Mr. Sefton said that he will arrange for the presentation at next month's meeting.

Chairman Snidecor asked Ted Mariscal, Assistant City Attorney, if he could find out the number of veterans served by the Peoria City Court. Mr. Mariscal responded that he would inquire with the Court regarding whether they keep such statistics.

Mr. Irby stated he would like to know the parameters before asking certain questions.

Mr. Brezina said he is happy with what is in place.

Chairman Snidecor asked Mr. Sefton about reaching out to his news contacts and other cities to highlight how the program works to help veterans. Promotions-related discussions are postponed until further consult with the City Court and Attorney's Offices.

No action taken

5. Potential Partnership with Operation Restoring Veteran Hope Regarding a Vehicle Donation

Mr. Ray Perez, from Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, spoke about his story as a veteran, his road to recovery and the different organizations he works with.

Mr. Perez would like to bring more outings and events to the West Valley, specifically mentioning P83 and Lake Pleasant.

Mr. Sefton said he can put potential future events and outings on upcoming agendas.

Mr. Perez would like to present a donated vehicle to a Peoria veteran family. He would like to do it at Rio Vista Community Park, would like to have media coverage, and possibly donate items in the truck for the family. He expects the event to last 15-30 minutes.

Mr. Brezina moved that Operation Restoring Veteran Hope coordinate with the City to help host and facilitate the donation of the car. Mr. Irby seconded the motion and, upon vote, the motion carried unanimously, 4 to 0.

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

REPORT FROM STAFF:

Mr. Sefton stated Spring Training has begun, and veterans and City of Peoria residents can receive a 25 percent discount on tickets.

REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Brezina brought some information regarding a "New Veteran and Outreach State of the Art Training Center." Chairman Snidecor requested that Mr. Brezina bring the doctor mentioned in the materials to the next meeting.

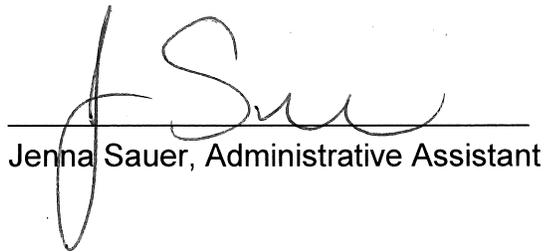
Chairman Snidecor mentioned there is a job fair event coming up at Rio Vista Community Park on March 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. He will send staff a flyer to distribute.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Tad Snidecor, Chair



Jenna Sauer, Administrative Assistant