



VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD

**Rio Vista Recreation Center
Lakeview West Conference Room**

**Meeting Minutes for:
January 3, 2012**

A meeting of the Veterans Memorial Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8866-A Thunderbird Road in open and public session in the Lakeview West Conference Room at 5:08 p.m.

Members present: Anthony Irby, Chuck Strange, Lisa Wakefield, Joseph McCord and Benjamin Geiger

Members absent: Ken Lambert and Reed Webber

Municipal officials present: Kirk Haines (Parks Manager) and Cree Thul (Customer Service Representative II)

Audience: None

Notes: The order in which the items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with a "C" are considered to be routine by the Veterans Memorial Board and may be enacted by one motion.

- 1C) Discussion and possible action to approve/excuse member absence from the Tuesday, November 1, 2011.** Joseph McCord and Benjamin Geiger
- 2C) Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of Tuesday, November 1, 2011**

A motion was made by LISA WAKEFIELD approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by ANTHONY IRBY. Three in favor and two abstain, the motion passed.

REGULAR AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS:

3R) Discussion and program evaluation regarding the Peoria Veterans Day 5K Run and Family Fun Walk for November 5, 2011

Kirk Haines reported there were approximately 50-60 runners, breakfast was served for 300, good exhibits were presented and field events had least traffic.

ANTHONY IRBY questioned if people were only coming to run and not to celebrate/honor veterans. Maybe the board needs to partner with other communities for a larger event. He would like to see the event marketed as a "family event"; maybe a partnered event with the City's 4th of July or Halloween Event.

BEN GEIGER suggested that members review what other Northwest Valley Cities hold events for Veterans Day, for partnership opportunities.

LISA WAKEFIELD suggested that members review calendars for events that may conflict.

4R) Update on Discounts for AD and Retired Military Personal at local retail stores.

Kirk Haines explained this item is on an agenda for a sub-committee, more information should be available at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

5R) Discussion and possible action regarding the date for the 2012 Peoria Veterans Day Event.

Item was tabled for February's meeting.

6R) Discussion and possible action on Veterans Memorial Board Chair and Co-chair appointments.

BEN GEIGER and CHUCK STRANGE were nominated for Chair. BEN GEIGER elected chair, votes of 3-2.

CHUCK STRANGE and LISA WAKEFIELD were nominated to serve as co-chair. CHUCK STRANGE was elected co-chair, votes of 4-1.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

Report from Board:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, LISA WAKEFIELD made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by ANOTHONY IRBY the motion carried unanimously and the Veterans Memorial Board meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair

Cree Thul, Customer Service Rep. II, Community Services