



VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD

Rio Vista Recreation Center Riverside Conference Room

Meeting Minutes for:
April 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 Riverside Conference Room at 5:14 p.m.

Members present: Ken Lambert, Lisa Wakefield, Joseph McCord, Anthony Irby, Benjamin Geiger and Reed Webber

Members absent: Chuck Strange

Municipal officials present: Kirk Haines (Parks Manager), 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, March 6, 2012.** Reed Webber

2C) **Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of Tuesday, March 6, 2012**

A motion was made by JOSEPH MCCORD approve consent agenda. The motion was seconded by ANTHONY IRBY. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS:

3R) Reports, discussion and possible action on assigning responsibilities for the Veterans Board.

Nothing to report.

4R) Discussion and possible action the Veterans Board/Wall web page.

BEN GEIGER presented the web page to the board. He requested that updates for the webpage be sent by email to Cree Thul. A motion was made by ANTHONY IRBY to highlight Memorial Day and thank you for your service on the web page from May 15-June 15. The motion was seconded by REED WEBBER. The motion carried unanimously. Board members will provide their thoughts on “what Memorial Day means to me” at the May 1st meeting.

A motion was made by LISA WAKEFIELD to add the Veterans History Project to the web page. The motion was seconded by JOSEPH MCCORD. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

5R) Discussion and possible action for Focus Group meetings.

ANTHONY IRBY presented possible questions for the April 23rd Focus Group.

A motion was made by REED WEBBER to approve the first three questions and the contact card.

1. How long have you lived in or worked for the City of Peoria?
2. What branch of service were you in, how long did you serve and were you in a contingency operation?
3. Are you currently a member or have you ever been a member of a Veterans Service Organization (VFW, American Legion, IAVA)?

The motion was seconded by JOSEPH MCCORD. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by JOSEPH MCCORD to approve the remaining five questions.

4. Did you know the City of Peoria has a Veterans Memorial Board?
5. How can the Veterans Board assist you?
6. How can the Veterans Board assist the community?
7. In what ways would you like to see the Veterans Board honor military service?
8. If there is a lack of response for 7. In order from 1-7 rank events you would be most likely to attend :

5K Race
Veterans Day Parade
Lunch with the Mayor
4th of July Celebration
Services Outreach Day

The motion was seconded by REED WEBBER. The motion carried unanimously.

KEN LAMBERT report possible date for a focus group at the Northwest Valley Vet Center is May 4th.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC:

None

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

- KIRK HAINES reported the Discount Program should be in study session soon. Also, reminded members to RSVP for the Boards and Commission Recognition Dinner.

Report from Board:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, JOSEPH MCCORD made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by KEN LAMBERT the motion carried unanimously and the Veterans Memorial Board meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Ben Geiger, Chair

Cree Thul, Customer Service Rep. II, Community Services