



## VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD

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### Rio Vista Recreation Center Riverside Conference Room

Meeting Minutes for:  
November 6, 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 5:04 p.m.

**Members present:** Anthony Irby, Ken Lambert, Benjamin Geiger, Lisa Wakefield and Chuck Strange

**Members absent:** Reed Webber, Joe McCord

**Municipal officials present:** Kirk Haines (Parks Manager), Jeff Crane (Recreation Coordinator) and Laura Oxford (Admin Asst II)

**Audience:** None

**Presentation:** Alan Doerschel and David Kirschbaum regarding the Veterans Memorial Trail near Vistancia distributed a trail map and explained about the trail.

**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, October 2, 2012.** Reed Webber

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

A motion was made by ANTHONY IRBY to approve items 1 and 2 on consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CHUCK STRANGE. The motion carried unanimously.

## REGULAR AGENDA

### OLD BUSINESS:

#### **5R) Focus Group Meetings**

Ventana Lakes was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 11:00am, 12 to 15 people were in attendance. The group suggested consolidating events for Veterans Day, host one big event instead of several throughout the west valley cities. Desert Harbor Forum was held on November 1, 2012, only one person showed. He stated that there are 50 to 75 Veterans that live in the Forum and maybe have the Color Guard come in to formalize the event and draw Veterans to an event. CHUCK STRANGE confirmed with Westbrook Village for November 26, 2012 at 10 am and will need flyers to distribute about the event. CHUCK STRANGE will follow up with Coyote Lakes to establish a meeting date, time and location.

No Action Taken

#### **6R) Veterans Day 5K Run**

Members discussed donations and responsibilities for the event.

ANTHONY IRBY confirmed water donation from Albertsons, it was picked up on Tuesday, November 6. He also is going to Sam's Club to purchase bagels and muffins for event.

BEN GEIGER confirmed the American Legion, West Valley Veteran Center and Glendale Adult Day Health Care as exhibitors.

KEN LAMBERT confirmed AZ Dept. of Veteran Services, Open Table and Operation American Patriot will all be in attendance. The USO will have information handouts at the event.

CHUCK STRANGE confirmed donations of food from Fry's and Safeway.

LISA WAKEFIELD confirmed Mimi's Café for food donations.

KIRK HAINES confirmed that an article was in the previous week's newspaper from Art Sloan of Arizona Republic.

No Action Taken

#### **7R) Discounts for Current and Former Military Personal**

JOE MCCORD was not in attendance, so discussion was tabled until next meeting.

No Action Taken

**New Business:**

**8R) Veterans Service Outreach Program**

BEN GEIGER suggested we take the information from the focus groups to let us know the Veteran's needs, and find ways to provide services for the Veterans in our community. KEN LAMBERT motioned to form a subcommittee, to help with planning and research. The motion was seconded by CHUCK STRANGE. The motion carried unanimously.

PASSED

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

KIRK HAINES reported to the board a change to the date of the next meeting, which will now be held on Monday, December 10, 2012.

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

ANTHONY IRBY requested that the Arizona Stand Down be placed on January of 2013 agenda. The Stand Down is scheduled for March 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Veterans Memorial Board meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Ben Geiger, Chairmen

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Laura Oxford, Administrative Assistant II, Community Services