



VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD

Rio Vista Recreation Center Riverside Conference Room

Meeting Minutes for:
December 10, 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, Joseph McCord, Benjamin Geiger, Lisa Wakefield and Chuck Strange

Members absent: Reed Webber and Ken Lambert

Municipal officials present: Kirk Haines (Parks Manager), and Ellen Comella (Executive Asst.)

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 members absence from the Tuesday, November 6, 2012:** Reed Webber and Joe McCord.

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

A motion was made by ANTHONY IRBY to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by CHUCK STRANGE. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS:

3) Focus Group Meetings

Kirk Haines and Joseph McCord spoke about the Ventana Lakes focus group meeting, which had 17 attendees.

Chuck Strange is working with the Elks Club on 107th and Union Hills to set up a Focus Group Meeting for late January 2013. No action taken

4) Veterans Day Event and 5K Run

Lisa Wakefield thought the event went very well, had a great turn out for the run but was a little disappointed with the Veteran turn out. Lisa thanked Chuck Strange for all his hard work on getting the donations. Lisa mentioned possibly having a separate Veterans event from the run might help.

Anthony Irby thought maybe combining the Wounded Warrior Soldier Run to the 5K event would help with donations and Veteran turn out. No action taken

5) Discounts for Current and Former Military Personnel

Joseph McCord gave an update on the current Discount Program. We really don't have one and we need to put some effort into getting this program off the ground.

Upon discussion it was decided that the Board would work on contacting local businesses to get the program going and report at the next meeting their findings. No action taken

6) Vietnam Memorial Trail

David Kirschbaum gave a brief video presentation on the Vietnam Memorial Trail.

A motion was made by Joseph McCord to support the concept for the Vietnam Memorial Trail. The motion was seconded by Chuck Strange. The motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC: NONE

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

KIRK HAINES reported to the board a change to the date of the next meeting, since January 1st is the first Tuesday we will move the January meeting to Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

REPORTS FROM BOARD:

ANTHONY IRBY spoke about the Missing American Organization Burial Service to be held February 22, 2013.

Joseph McCord advised the board of the upcoming Flag Ceremony to be held Sunday, March 3, 2013, in Sun City.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Veterans Memorial Board meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Ben Geiger, Chairmen

Ellen Comella, Executive Assistant