

**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Dalpe called the meeting to order on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chair Robert Dalpe

Vice-Chair Cassandra Facciponti

Commissioner Nancy Dunn

Commissioner Carol Farabee

Commissioner Shane Levinson

Commissioner Michael Simon

Commissioner David Waltzer

Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager

Tawn Kao, Assistant City Attorney

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

Others Present

None

2. ACTION AGENDA

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting of June 13, 2023

Chair Dalpe requested a motion for approval of the minutes for the June 13, 2023, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission regular meeting. **Commissioner Waltzer** made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023, minutes. **Commissioner Facciponti** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved 7-0 by **all Commission** members present.

3. DISCUSSION

- a. Update on the Veteran Memorial Wall project at Veteran's Oasis Park.

Mickey Ohland, Community Services Planning Manager, updated the **Commission** regarding the progress of the project. Mr. Ohland relayed that the money is not in the current budget but could be considered for the next fiscal year. He also presented a picture of what the wall could look like. The **Commission** was happy with the proposal and encouraged Mr. Ohland to continue moving forward with the project.

- b. Review of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Retreat

The retreat was held on August 4, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at the Chandler Museum 300 S. Chandler Village Drive, Chandler, AZ 85226. Beth Chepelsky, City of Chandler Organizational Development Senior Program Manager, facilitated the meeting. The **Commission** agreed to pursue the following projects:

- I. Military Appreciation Breakfast – **Commissioner Dunn** and **Commissioner Farabee**

The breakfast will be held in the November time-frame and honor current and former veterans. Program to be developed.

- II. Veteran's Day – **Commissioner Simon** and **Commissioner Levinson**

Presented by the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission and Community Services Department, the civic event will honor all who have served and continued to serve our country with acknowledgments. This event will take place on November 11, 2023 and resemble last year's event.

- III. Veteran's Town Hall Lunch – **Commissioner Waltzer**, **Commissioner Farabee**, and **Chair Dalpe**

This event will be revamped with a new format focusing on issues and resources for veterans.

- IV. Military Bound – **Commissioner Levinson** and **Commissioner Waltzer**

This event will recognize new recruits as they embark on their military career.

- c. Discussion and planning for the upcoming 2023 Veteran's Day Event

Commissioner Levinson said that the event will primarily be the same as last year. Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager, will be reaching out to **Commissioner Simon** and **Commissioner Levinson** about the event. Mr. Bass suggested a finding a speaker for the event and he is researching a military fly-over.

4. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. None

5. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- a. None

6. CALENDAR ITEMS

- a. The next regular meeting of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission will be on September 12, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items, **Chair Dalpe** adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

Robert Dalpe, Chairman

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary