

**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**Vice-Chair Facciponti** called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**Members in Attendance:**

**Vice-Chair Facciponti**

**Commissioner Nancy Dunn**

**Commissioner Carol Farabee**

**Commissioner Shane Levinson**

**Commissioner Michael Simon**

**Commissioner David Waltzer**

**Members Absent:**

**Chair Robert Dalpe**

**Staff Members Present:**

Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager

Tawn Kao, Assistant City Attorney

Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director

Riann Balch, Community Resources Senior Manager

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 September 11, 2023**

**Vice-Chair Facciponti** requested a motion for approval of the minutes for the September 11, 2023, Military and Veterans Affairs Commission regular meeting. **Commissioner Levinson** made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023, minutes. **Commissioner Waltzer** seconded the motion.

The minutes were approved 6-0 by **all Commission** members present.

### 3. INFORMATIONAL

- a. FY2-24 Military and Veterans Affairs Commission budget was reviewed. Current balance is \$5,725.60. An additional \$1,500 is expected to be used for the upcoming Veteran's Breakfast.

### 4. DISCUSSION

- a. Veteran Housing Presentation – Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director

Leah Powell, Neighborhood Resources Director, updated the **Commission** regarding veteran housing programs in the city. The city recently received 10 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. The city owns and operates 5 sites with 200 units, built in 1972. Current development plans include a new program called Rental Assistance Demonstration. This is phase one and two of a multi-phase improvement plan. Two of the existing family sites will be moved to a new project called Villas on McQueen, located at Chandler Boulevard and McQueen Road. The remaining units will have a preference for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. The project will have 157 units on 4.54 acres and will replace current public housing units. Units will have 1 to 5 bedrooms with a higher concentration of the one-bedroom. The project is expected to be completed in 2025-26.

Additionally, 103 scattered single-family homes in neighborhoods, 495 vouchers for Section-8 housing for private landlords, and 28 emergency housing vouchers for people coming out of homelessness.

Ms. Powell also explained a Home Ownership program, Community Land trust, designed to take someone from homeless through to home ownership.

**Commissioner Levinson** asked about the success rate of the Home Ownership program. Ms. Powell responded that the program 8 to 12 families will graduate from the program which can take multiple years to complete. Discussion ensued.

- b. Military Appreciation Breakfast – **Vice-Chair Facciponti**

**Vice-Chair Facciponti** shared with the **Commission** that a meeting is scheduled with Trevor Groth, in Community Services, to finalize the event.

The date of the event will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023.

- c. Veteran's Day Event – Mr. Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager

Mr. Andy Bass, Deputy City Manager, updated the Commission on the scheduled fly-over. A recent windstorm damaged many of the planes and the fly-over needed to be cancelled.

**5. MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

a. None

**6. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

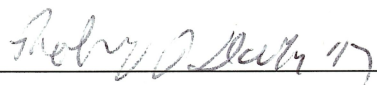
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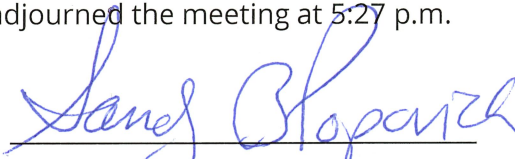
**7. CALENDAR ITEMS**

a. The next regular meeting of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission will be on November 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items, **Vice-Chair Facciponti** adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

  
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Chair, Robert Dalpe

  
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Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary