

**MILITARY & VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Farabee called the meeting to order on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Chair Carol Farabee

Vice Chair Michael Simon

Commissioner Bob Dalpe

Commissioner David Waltzer

Commissioner Nancy Dunn

Commissioner Shane Levinson

Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Tawn Kao, Assistant City Attorney

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary

Others Present

Kayla Black, citizen

Michael Black, citizen

2. ACTION AGENDA

- a. **Approval of the Regular Minutes of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission Regular Meeting of February 13, 2024**

Chair Farabee tabled the minutes to the April 9, 2024, meeting so that corrections could be made.

3. BRIEFING

- a. Field of Honor at Veterans Oasis Park - Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar shared with the **Commission** that additional funding for the next phase of the project is currently being considered by City Council for the next fiscal year.

- b. Events Calendar – Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar shared a list of events that the **Commission** may want to attend to represent to meet the **Commission's** outreach goal. The list includes:

- Family Easter Celebration (March/April 2024)
- Chandler Jazz Festival and Family Bike Ride (April 2024)
- All-American Bash (July 2024)
- For Our City and Halloween Spooktacular (October 2024)
- Woofstock (November 2024)
- Tumbleweed Tree Lighting and Parade of Lights (December 2024)
- Embracing Wellness and Multicultural Festival (Jan 2025)

- c. Vacancy for the **Military and Veterans Affairs Commission** - Corey Povar, Community Services Assistant Director

Mr. Povar relayed to the **Commission** that applications are being reviewed after which they will be sent to the mayor for a decision on who would be appointed to the **Commission**. **Commissioner Waltzer** submitted his resignation from the **Commission** effective March of 2024. There are currently two vacancies that need to be filled.

- d. Treasury Report – Sandy Popovich, Commission Secretary

Ms. Popovich explained that no changes have occurred since the last Treasury Report in February 2024.

4. DISCUSSION

- a. Military Bound Event

Commissioner Levinson will be leading the event which will be held at the City Council Chambers on May 8, 2024.

b. Commission Outreach

Mr. Povar handed out name badges to the **Commission** members to be used when the **Commission** attends outreach events. The use of cards and tri-fold handouts were discussed. Suggestions for the tri-fold handout include links to mental health and suicide prevention resources, Veteran's Court, Be Connect, VA, VFW, and elder resources. An update and a vote on the design and cost of handouts will be done at the next meeting.

5. **MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. **Commissioner Dalpe** attend Navy Week and shared an update on the U.S.S. Arizona. The city of Gilbert will be sponsoring the boat which has an expected launch date of 2026. The city of Chandler will assist Gilbert as needed.

6. **SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

- a. Kayla Black, Operation Thrive

Mrs. Black introduced herself and her business which aids veterans using physical therapy. Ms. Black expressed a desire to work with the **Commission** and would like to be included on an upcoming agenda to speak in more detail.

7. **CALENDAR ITEMS**

- a. The next meeting will be **April 9, at 5:00 p.m.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further items, **Chair Farabee** adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Carol Farabee, Chair

Sandy Popovich, Recording Secretary