

Meeting Minutes

Military and Veterans Affairs Commission

Work Session

December 10, 2024

Chandler Museum - Saguaro Room

300 S. Chandler Village Dr., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Farabee at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Chair Carol Farabee

Vice Chair Michael Simon

Commissioner Robert Dalpe

Commissioner Jacob Dort

Commissioner Shane Levinson

Staff Attendance

Corey Povar, Staff Liaison

Tawn Kao, Deputy City Attorney

Luke Tasker, Recording Secretary

Absent

Commissioner Nancy Dunn (unexcused)

Commissioner LaShay Marks (unexcused)

Discussion

1. Discussion of the Military and Veterans Affairs Commission's Strategic Planning and Development Goals

Ms. Kao gave a presentation on open meeting law and other guidelines. There was discussion on aligning with the objectives laid out in the ordinance that established the commission, including advising the Mayor and Council, educating the community, and fostering collaboration with relevant organizations.

Plans for the annual WES memo to the Mayor and Council were outlined, focusing on summarizing the impact of activities and events. Upcoming events for 2024 were discussed, including the South Vietnamese Cultural Event and a potential fourth event, such as a resource fair and barbeque. Consensus was reached on a theme, "Honor the Veteran, Celebrate the Service".

Assignments for specific events were discussed, including encouraging veteran participation in the South Vietnamese Cultural Event and improving marketing efforts to increase visibility. There was agreement on the need to establish KPIs to measure the impact of activities, such as headcount year-over-year, Commission feedback, and budgeting. There was emphasis on improving communication with other organizations and government agencies to enhance resource sharing and event support.

Calendar

2. The next Military and Veterans Affairs Commission meeting will be held January 14, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:32 p.m.



Luke Tasker, Secretary



Carol Farabee, Chair