



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

MINUTES

Thursday, October 6, 2022

Scottsdale Fire Station 602 Community
Room
7522 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Chairperson Denise Pulk; Vice-Chair Steven Jackson; Commissioners Land Anderson, Andrew Edwards, Peter Palmer, and Joel Stempil

ABSENT: Commissioner Mark Ashley

STAFF: Kelly Corsette, Communications/Public Affairs Director

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call

Chair Pulk called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Members present as listed above.

2. Discussion and possible action to approve September 7, 2022 commission meeting minutes

VICE-CHAIR JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER PALMER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX(6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PULK, VICE-CHAIR JACKSON, COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON, EDWARDS, PALMER, AND STEMPILO VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSIDENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and possible action to nominate commission chair to be elected at the November 2, 2022 meeting

Mr. Corsette noted that Chair Pulk's term ends in October and the Commission needs to elect a new chair during the November 2, 2022 meeting. He reviewed the nomination process, noting that the Commission will be required to go through the election process again during the first meeting in January.

On September 20, 2022, City Council nominated five people, including Commissioner Palmer, for the two open Veterans Advisory Commission positions as part of their routine board and commission nomination process. Appointments will be made during the October 18, 2022 regular Council meeting. Mr. Corsette was uncertain whether the new appointees will have completed the required process in time to attend the November meeting.

Commissioner Palmer asked if the regular election process could be aligned with commissioner appointments in the future. Mr. Corsette explained that it would be difficult to align elections with Commissioner terms, because appointments are typically staggered throughout the year.

VICE-CHAIR JACKSON WAS NOMINATED BY COMMISSIONER PALMER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION DURING THE NOVEMBER 2, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

4. Update, discussion and possible recommendations regarding the "Scottsdale Salutes" banner recognition program for veterans

Mr. Corsette said 55 nominations were made by the community in response to the request for nominations for the "Scottsdale Salutes" banner recognition program. Of those 55, there were a few duplicates and a few that do not meet the criteria; however, there is a good representation of the different branches and of different eras. With the help of historian Joan Fudala, staff has chosen the following historic Scottsdale veterans to honor: Winfield Scott, Carlton Lutz, Guy Stillman, and Jim Geiser. Mr. Corsette noted that one concern is that some of the photographs that have been submitted are too low of a resolution to be printed on the banners and/or represent a time period later in the nominee's civilian life. He will reach out to families in hopes of resolving the photograph problem.

Mr. Corsette and Vice-Chair Jackson will be finalizing the list of 30 names and will forward the materials to the printer. The banners will be displayed along Drinkwater Boulevard from November 3 through November 21, 2022.

Discussion about expanding the "Scottsdale Salutes" banner recognition program will be agendaized for a meeting in early 2023. Chair Pulk suggested that the program could be presented to SUSD as a possible addition to their local history curriculum.

5. Update and discussion regarding Scottsdale's annual Veterans Day Commemoration

Mr. Corsette announced that the Veterans Day Commemoration will be held at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park on November 11, 2022, starting at 3:00 p.m. The event will be hosted by Mayor Ortega and will feature keynote speaker Rose Matti and community historian Joan Fudala. He asked that Commissioners RSVP for a reserved seat.

6. Discussion, updates and possible recommendations regarding the 2022 Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan

Commissioner Edwards encouraged Commissioners to attend the Southwest Chamber of Commerce would be hosting a Patriots Ball, saluting women veterans, on October 22, 2022 and the Jack Haskell Memorial Golf Tournament on October 9, 2022.

7. Commission members' reports, updates, and suggestions for future agenda items

Commissioner Stempil shared the Wall Street Journal obituary of Arnold Fisher, who established the Fisher House Foundation.

Mr. Corsette invited Commissioners to attend a presentation by Captain Larry Ernst at Civic Center Library on November 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. The presentation will include stories about his experiences as a Vietnam fighter pilot, a top gun instructor, and the last commanding officer of the U.S.S. Midway.

Future meeting agenda items could include:

- Discussion about nominating Jim Geiser for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame
- Review of work plan

8. Adjournment

VICE-CHAIR JACKSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX(6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PULK, VICE-CHAIR JACKSON, COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON, EDWARDS, PALMER, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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