



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

MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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

- PRESENT:** Chairperson Denise Pulk; Vice-Chair Steven Jackson (arrived at 5:03 p.m.); Commissioners, Land Anderson, Mark Ashley, Andrew Edwards, Pete Palmer, and Joel Stempil
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Andrew Edwards and Pete Palmer
- 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 May 4, 2022 commission meeting minutes

COMMISSIONER STEMPIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MAY 4, 2022 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER ASHLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PULK, COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON, ASHLEY, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. VICE-CHAIR JACKSON WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSIDENTING VOTES.

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

Discussion ensued regarding creation of banners honoring Scottsdale veterans, including both those who have passed away and those who are still living. Topics of discussion included:

- Availability of City banner poles at various times of the year, and whether they might be available in November for Veterans day and Military Heritage Month
- Logistics of printing the banners – identifying a printing vendor; possible donation of printing services; whether the City’s graphic’s department is capable of completing the job
- The Veterans Advisory Commission budget - a budget request has been submitted that, if approved, will increase the annual VAC budget to \$5,000
- Content to be included on the banners
- Honoring those veterans being included on the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen, which is scheduled to be completed in time for a December 2022 dedication
- Soliciting citizens for names and information of living Scottsdale veterans
- Whether permissions from family members need to be obtained before using a veteran’s photograph
- Creating web content for each veteran – Mr. Corsette noted that Jim Geiser is conducting extensive research on each veteran being included on the Scottsdale Memorial for the Fallen”, (especially those with no family left to remember them) and has plans to create a permanent web home to log the information

Chair Pulk asked if there were any opportunities for the VAC to participate in upcoming Super Bowl events. Mr. Corsette said that with the exception of one city event being planned at Civic Center Mall, most events are being hosted by private companies. He suggested that the Commission consider having a presence at community events such as the Parada del Sol and//or the Trails End Festival that follows the parade.

4. Commission members’ reports, updates, and suggestions for future agenda items

Commissioner Stempel announced that he has stepped down as commander of the local chapter of the Korean War and Korea Defense Veterans Association. He also mentioned that the organization has recently lost a couple of members.

Commissioners agreed to schedule a June 30, 2022 deadline for gathering information and submission of names and information from citizens for the banner project. A work group of commissioners will meet on August 4, 2022 to further discuss the banner project and select names to be included. Final discussions will be agendized for the September VAC meeting and banners should be ready in time to be hung at the end of October, in time to honor veterans throughout the month of November.

Future meeting agenda items could include:

- 2022 Veterans Advisory Commission work plan – Banner Project
- Presentation by Human Services department regarding Housing Choice Vouchers for Veterans

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 7, 2022.

7. Adjournment

VICE-CHAIR JACKSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR PULK, VICE-CHAIR JACKSON, COMMISSIONERS ANDERSON, ASHLEY, 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 5:47 p.m.

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