Minutes
Tempe Veteran’s Commission
February 2, 2016

Minutes for the Tempe Veteran’s Commission Meeting held on February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Commission Members Present

Keith Finkle, Chair
Michelle Bravo, Vice-Chair
Scott Essex, Secretary
Mario Aguirre
Bryan Durham
Troy Friedman
Dale Groen
Patricia Little-Uptah
Michelle Loposky (telephonically)
David Lucier
Laura Skotnicki (telephonically)

Staff Present

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilwoman
Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director
Marie Chapple Camacho, Public Information Officer

Item 1 – Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM

Item 2 – Public Appearances – None Present

Item 3 – Review of Previous Minutes

Motion by Chair Keith Finkle to approve minutes; second by Commission Member Patricia Little-Uptah. Motion passed unanimously

Item 4 – East Valley Stand Up Update – Troy Friedman & Michelle Bravo

- Upcoming meeting in two weeks
- Several organizations have expressed interests in participating
- What kind of data are we looking for and how do we measure it?
  - Include more questions in pre-registration
How did you hear about the event?
What are the top three booths that attracted you here?
What is your zip code
  Surveys
    Did we meet your needs?
  Identify participant motivation to attend
  Goodwill is willing to assist in data capture
    Tailor ten questions
    Each station can scan a wristband to track services being utilized
  On track to April 2, 2016 date
    Extend invite to Mayor
    Councilwoman Robin Arredondo-Savage will reach out to surrounding cities Council Members to invite
    Send contact information to Vice-Chair Michelle Bravo of individuals the Commission would like to invite
  Official event name – Stand For Veterans

**Item 5 – Housing Project Update**
- Partnering with Save the Family and Citizens Advisory Group
- Upcoming hearings
- Possibly breaking ground this summer
- Link updates to website and include in future minutes

**Item 6 – Subcommittee Guidelines Update**
- Subcommittees must follow open meeting laws
- Must be staffed
- Utilize staff expertise rather than creating subcommittees

**Item 7 – 2016 City Council Presentation**
- Presentation will be distributed to Commission
- Highlight businesses who have completed navigator training and businesses that are in the process of completing the training

**Item 8 – Wellness Presentation – Patricia Little-Uptah & Mario Aguirre**
- Care 7 Crisis Response Team – open to presenting to Commission
  - As a Commission, find ways to support them
  - What does that look like?
    - In existence for eighteen (18) years
    - Originally partnered with 911
    - On call 24/7
    - Mandatory that they respond to:
      - Fire
      - Drowning
      - Gunshot wounds
      - Extradition car accidents
    - Victim Advocacy
    - Case Management
      - Long term case management follow-up
    - Community Counseling
High School Prevention Counseling
- Threat Assessment
- ASU Internship site
- Work closely with East Valley Veteran Center
- Work with Tempe Veterans Court
- Not specific to Veterans

- I-HELP
  - Overnight shelter program
  - Emergency basis
  - Priorities:
    - Eviction prevention
    - Crisis Housing
    - Employment navigation
    - Female Veterans – Childcare

- La Frontera
  - Rally Point

- Rally Point Professional Military Network
  - Employment service provider

- Save the Family
- Stand for Veterans Event
- Disabled American Veterans
- Maricopa Workforce Connections
- Department of Economic Security
- Tempe Community Action Agency

Item 9 – Website Update – Marie Chapple Camacho, Human Services Public Information Officer

- [www.tempe.gov/veterans](http://www.tempe.gov/veterans)
- Suggested items will be discussed as a Commission

Item 10 – Suggested Items for Future Agenda

- Stand for Veterans Update
- Bridge Housing
- Veterans Childcare Issues
- 2016 City Council PowerPoint
- Event planning for Veterans Supportive Businesses
- Operation Welcome Home
- Military Veterans Women’s Expo

Item 11 – Commission Member Announcements

Item 12 – Next Meeting – March 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Item 13 – Adjournment

Next meeting to be held on March 1, 2016, Tempe Library Board Room, at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.