Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, July 16, 6:00 p.m., at the Military & Veteran Success Center, 3320 South Price Road, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Troy Friedman, Chair
Jeremy Farr, Vice-Chair
Phillip Kraft
Patricia Little-Upah
Michelle Loposky (telephonically)
Jezreel Ramirez (telephonically)
Alfred Trevino

(MEMBERS) Absent:
William Blair
David Lucier
Abe McCann
Joanna Sweatt

City Staff Present:
Melissa Quillard, Public Information Officer
Lauren Hyre, Human Services Manager

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order
Chair Troy Friedman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Agenda Item 3 – Attendance

Agenda Item 4 – Chair’s Remarks

Agenda Item 5 – Welcome Newest Commission Members: Alfred Trevino & Phillip Kraft
Troy welcomed the newest Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Phillip Kraft. Alfred and Phillip introduced themselves and gave some background information about themselves.

Agenda Item 6 – Review and Approval of the June 4, 2019 Minutes
MOTION: Motion to APPROVE June 4, 2019 minutes by Vice-Chair Jeremy Farr
SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Patricia Little-Upah
AYES: Chair Troy Friedman, Vice-Chair Jeremy Farr Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Patricia Little-Upah, Michelle Loposky, Jezreel Ramirez and Alfred Trevino
ABSENT: Commission Members William Blair, David Lucier, Abe McCann and Joanna Sweatt
Agenda Item 7 – Marketing/Communications Discussion – Melissa Quillard, City of Tempe Public Information Officer
The Commission recently expressed interest in promoting Veterans-related events. Melissa Quillard suggested utilizing the existing listserv and is open to developing a quarterly Veterans newsletter. Turnaround time for the newsletter will be approximately two weeks. Any news related to the Commission can be sent from Melissa Placencia to the Communications office. The Commission is having difficulty identifying Tempe Veterans and feels a consistent newsletter and web presence will expand the listserv. Lauren Hyre would like to explore mailers for Tempe Veterans to self-identify.

Agenda Item 8 – Mentorship Program Follow Up – Commission Member Jeremy Farr
All feedback and edits have been received. Lauren Hyre submitted the final version from the Commission to Human Services Director, Naomi Farrell for feedback. Once Naomi’s input is received, the proposal will be submitted to Judge Maxon for the East Valley Regional Veterans Court endorsement. Lauren will follow-up with Naomi for a status update.

Agenda Item 9 – Military & Veteran Success Center Update – Chair, Troy Friedman
- The Veteran and Spouse Employment Project:
  - A collective effort with Republic Services and ARIZONA@WORK. Eligible job seekers will receive a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and on-the-job training and a direct path to full-time employment. For more information: www.cdlforvets.com

Agenda Item 10 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements
Jezreel Ramirez:
- Six positions available for the pre and post 9/11 Military Relief Fund Advisory Committee
  - Voluntary position
  - One-three hours per month
  - Melissa will email the link to the Commission

Michelle Lopoulos:
- ASU starts August 22, 2019
- Over 9,000 Military-affiliated students

Agenda Item 11 – Future Agenda Items – August 13, 2019 September 10, 2019
- Newsletter/Marketing discussion
- Website discussion
- Mentorship Proposal Update
- Tempe Chamber of Commerce – Anne Gill
- Share Housing Opportunity – LeVon Lamy

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on August 13, 2019 September 10, 2019

Minutes Prepared by: Melissa Placencia
Reviewed by: Naomi Farrell

Troy Friedman, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission