



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission October 5, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 6:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Phillip Kraft
Chantele Carr

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alfred Trevino
Michelle Loposky
Timothy Rogers
Celia Sadhu
William "Bill" Blair

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director
Tim Gomez, Council Aide

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of September 7, 2021 Minutes

Unable to review and approve minutes due to lack of quorum

Agenda Item 5 – Chair's Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomed everyone and thanked commission members for their efforts and contributions. Council Member Arredondo Savage thanked the Commission for support of the banner program which has sold out of banners and invited the Commission to the November 2021 Workforce Readiness and Economic Vitality (WREV) Council Committee.

Agenda Item 6 – Discussion of City of Tempe Veteran Program Support – Octavia Harris, City of Tempe

Staff presented information regarding a proposal to the City Council WREV Committee for increased staffing support for veterans and their families, city employees and the initiatives and programs of the city. The Commissioners expressed positive thoughts regarding increasing The Commission members stated they will attend the WREV Committee.

Agenda Item 7 – 2021 Boards and Commissions Annual Report – Goals and Accomplishments

Commission tabled the item for the November 2021 meeting.

Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Chantele Carr updated the Commission about the annual food drive and the drop off location of Rio Salado beginning October 14, 2021. Abe McCann shares that volunteers are needed to help with Family Readiness Group activities at the Air National Guard. Jeremy Farr announced the presentation of his Masters degree Capstone project with the focus on mentoring veterans and invited the commissioners to review the project as well as provide their feedback.

Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – November 2, 2021

- Review Board and Commissions Annual Report
- Nomination of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Program Review for Family Readiness Group

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Next meeting will be on November 2, 2021

Minutes Prepared by: Octavia Harris
Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission