



## 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 Lopusky  
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

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Jeremy Farr, Chair  
Tempe Veterans Commission