



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission December 7, 2021

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 6:00 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Phillip Kraft
Chantele Carr
Celia Sadhu
Timothy Rogers
Michelle Loposky

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Alfred Trevino
William "Bill" Blair

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director

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 August 3, 2021, September 7, 2021, October 5, 2021, and November 7, 2021 Minutes

Commission noted that the October 5, 2021 minutes were missing from the packet and tabled to be reviewed and approved during the January 4, 2022 Commission meeting.

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE August 3, 2021, minutes by Commission Member Phil Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Abe McCann

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Bill Blair

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE September 7, 2021 minutes by Commission Member Abe McCann

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Timothy Rogers

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Bill Blair

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE November 7, 2021 minutes by Commission Member Abe McCann

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Celia Sadhu

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Bill Blair

Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomed everyone and thanked commission members for their efforts and contributions.

Agenda Item 6 – Guest Speaker – Peter Lumianski, Captain, USN (retired), Director, USS Phoenix SSN 702 Project

Presentation given about the USS Phoenix and building the Cold War museum monument in Phoenix.

Agenda Item 7 –Election for Commission Officers

Jeremy Farr was nominated for Chair. Abe McCann was nominated for Vice-Chair.

Agenda Item 8 – 2021 Review of December E-Blast

Commission reviewed the December 2021 e-blast. Michelle Loposky requested that the Pat Tillman Veterans Stole Ceremony on December 11, 2021 at 2pm be added to the e-blast. No additional changes were requested.

Agenda Item 9 – 2021 Boards and Commissions Annual Report – Goals and Accomplishments

Staff presented the annual report to the Commission. Commissioners reviewed the report. The Veteran Supportive Employer performance measure was highlighted as one of the upcoming goals for the year.

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE Annual Report by Commission Member Phil Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Michelle Loposky

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Michelle Loposky, Celia Sadhu and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Bill Blair

Agenda Item 10 – Memorandum to Tempe City Council for Veterans Coordinator

Commission reviewed the memorandum. Chair Farr expressed that a greater understanding of veterans’ issues and support for veterans and their families in navigating community resources would be well served with the creation of this position. Commissioner Kraft noted that 2-1-1 provides a connection to resources for everyone and has a

category for veterans. The category is small even though there are a number of issues that veterans face. The memorandum will go before City Council on December 16, 2021 when the Workforce Readiness and Economic Vitality Council Committee presents the recommendation and requests a supplemental pre-approval.

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE Memorandum to Tempe City Council for Veterans Coordinator by Commission Member Phil Kraft

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Michelle Loposky, Celia Sadhu and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Bill Blair

Agenda Item 11 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Abe McCann updated that the Arizona National Guard 1st Annual War Games will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021 from 6am – 12noon. 40 community partners and agencies will be present. Request for photos from the event to be shared in the next e-blast. Philip Kraft shared the annual Christmas concert – Twice the Christmas on Sunday, December 12, 2021. The Commission thanked Michelle Loposky for her service on the Commission as she exits the Commission having completed her terms. Michelle Loposky shared her appreciation for her six years on the Commission.

Agenda Item 12 – Future Agenda Items – November 2, 2021

- Arizona National Guard Community Outreach Program
- Updated on Veterans Coordinator Proposal
- Program Review for Family Readiness Group

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member Abe McCann

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Vice Chair Abe McCann, Commission Members Phillip Kraft, Chantele Carr, Celia Sadhu and Timothy Rogers

ABSENT: Commission Members Alfred Trevino and Bill Blair

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Next meeting will be on January 4, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Octavia Harris
Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission