



Veterans' Affairs Committee

Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
City Attorney's Large Conference Room, 7th Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Torres at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Valerie Davis
Samantha Bivens
William Burks
C.W. Hall
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron (in at 6:14)
Gerald Petersen
Bob Slocum, Vice Chairman
Ed Torres, Chairman
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Paul Marsh
Dan Ross

Representing:

AMVETS Post 770
American Red Cross
DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Esperanza En Escalante
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Missing in America Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

Norman Ross
Carol Rundell
Steven Walker
Bruce Hamilton

Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
American Legion Post 7
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans

Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

Others Present:

David Alegria
David Mann

City of Tucson, Department of Transportation
Fast Park, Marketing Representative

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

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4. Introduction of Guests

David Alegria of City of Tucson, Department of Transportation and David Mann from Fast Park, were acknowledged.

5. Presentation on "Hats off to Heroes Week" and the Fisher House

Mr. David Alegria gave a brief presentation on the Mayor's "Hats off to Heroes Week", activities and provided updates on the Fisher House. Handouts were distributed. Discussion was held. No further action was taken.

6. Presentation on Congressional Veterans' Distinction Award

No presentation or discussion was held for this item.

7. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from May 13, 2015

It was moved by Vice Chairman Slocum, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members N. Ross, B. Hamilton, C. Rundell and S. Walker absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the May 13, 2015 meeting.

8. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members N. Ross, B. Hamilton, C. Rundell and S. Walker absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.

9. Consideration / Approval of New Members

It was moved by Committee Member C. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Committee Members N. Ross, B. Hamilton, C. Rundell and S. Walker absent/excused) to appoint David "Hooter" Rafus from the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Chapter 32-2.

10. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Report was given by Committee Member L. Johnson. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

Report was given by Committee Member P. Marsh. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

11. Four Chaplains Ceremony

Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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12. Operation Exodus

Chairman Torres gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

13. Military Lounge

No report was given. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

14. Veterans Day Parade Update

No report was given. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

15. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members T. Byron, V. Davis, S. Bivens, D. Ross, M. Baker, Vice Chairman Slocum and Chairman Torres. Handouts were distributed. No formal action was taken.

14. Future Agenda Items

- Approval of correspondence recruiting new organizations and members
- Update on Committee Bylaws

15. Salute to Colors

16. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.