



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Senior Vice Chairman, Bruce Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Samantha Bivens
Gary Ochoa
Norman Ross
Carol Rundell
Phyllis Russell
Terry Byron
Bob Slocum
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Paul Marsh
Bruce Hamilton
Dan Ross

Representing:

American Red Cross
Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Arizona Korean War Veterans Association
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
Esperanza En Escalante
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

William Burks
C.W. Hall
Gerald Petersen
Ed Torres, Chairman
Martin Dresner

DAV Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Military Officers Association of America
Missing in America Project
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201

Staff Members Present:

Donna DeLeon
Delma Sánchez

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary
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2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member M. Baker.

4. Introduction of Guests

Bettie Baker, spouse of Murray Baker was acknowledged.

12. John Strickland presentation on Samson's Brigade Project.

This item was taken out of order. Presentation was given on Samson's Brigade Project by John Strickland. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

- 5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from April 13, 2016**
It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0, (Committee Members C.W. Hall, W. Burks, G. Petersen, M. Dresner, and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the April 13, 2016 meeting.
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
Report was given by Committee Member T. Byron, a handout distributed. It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 12-0, (Committee Members C.W. Hall, W. Burks, G. Petersen, M. Dresner, and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to accept the Financial Report.
- 7. Consideration / Approval of New Members**
There were no nominations.
- 8. 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 handout distributed. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.
 - c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service**
Report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. No formal action was taken.
- 9. Four Chaplains Ceremony**
Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. No formal action was taken.
- 10. Operation Exodus**
Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.
- 11. Military Lounge**
Military Lounge name was changed to Military Liaison Office. Committee Member T. Byron gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.
- 12. John Strickland presentation on Samson's Brigade Project**
This item was taken out of order and was considered after agenda item number 4.
- 13. Summer Recess**
It was moved by Committee Member D. Ross, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, W. Burks, G. Petersen, M. Dresner, and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to approve the months of June, July, and August as summer recess months.

14. Approval of Correspondence Inviting the Mayor to the Veterans Day Parade

Committee Member T. Bryon read the invitational letter to the committee members. A discussion was held. It was moved by Committee Member B. Slocum, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0 (Committee Members C.W. Hall, W. Burks, G. Petersen, M. Dresner, and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused), to accept and extend the invitation letter to the Mayor.

15. Approval of Committee Bylaws

It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 12-0, (Committee Members C.W. Hall, W. Burks, G. Petersen, M. Dresner, and Chairman E. Torres absent/excused) to approve the Committee Bylaws as submitted.

16. Hats off to Heroes Discussion

Brief reports were heard from Committee Members T. Byron and L. Johnson. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

17. Fisher House Discussion

Committee Member L. Johnson gave a brief update. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

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

Brief reports were heard from Committee Members S. Bivens, N. Ross, T. Byron, B. Slocum, and N. Ross. No Formal action was taken.

19. Future Agenda Items

- Representative from Senator McCain's Office
- Hats off to Heroes Discussion
- Veterans Parade
- Invitation to the Mayor to attend a future committee meeting

20. Salute to Colors

21. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.