



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes
Approved: September 12, 2018

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

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

Present:

Carol Rundell

C.W. Hall
William Burks
Phyllis Russell
Lester Craig
Henry Johnson
William Wojciechowski

John L. Grand
Ed Torres
Luke Johnson
Murray Baker
Joel Stoltz
Martin Belden

Representing:

Disabled American Veterans Auxillary
Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26
Esperanza En Escalante
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk
Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Missing in America Project
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Absent:

Gary Ochoa
David Thomas
Bruce Hamilton, Chairman
Melvin Morgan

Arizona Department of Veterans Services
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106

Staff Member Present:

Delma Sanchez
Zach McGovern

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

Peter Kane, Tucson Airport Authority (TAA) Representative
Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk's Office
Ana Marrufo, City Clerk's Office
Terry Byron, Former VAC Board Member, Nighthawk 72

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5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from April 11, 2018 meeting

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton and Committee Members M. Morgan, G. Ochoa and D. Thomas absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton and Committee Members M. Morgan, G. Ochoa and D. Thomas absent), to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

Senior Vice Chairman, L. Johnson stated Bruce Hamilton was being recommended for reappointment by Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans and Shaun Pfund was being recommended by the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation

It was moved by Committee Member M. Baker, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton and Committee Members M. Morgan, G. Ochoa and D. Thomas absent), to appoint Bruce Hamilton, to the Veterans Affairs Committee, representing Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans.

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 13 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton and Committee Members M. Morgan, G. Ochoa and D. Thomas absent), to appoint Shaun Pfund, to the Veterans Affairs Committee, representing the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation.

8. May 8, 2018 Mayor and Council action regarding Veterans' Affairs Committee fundraising efforts

Suzanne Mesich, Assistant City Clerk handed out Ordinance No. 11544 to formalize fundraising and to allow the Committee to accept donations and maintain their own bank account to be used in support of activities, such as Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony, Operation Exodus and other veterans' causes. Ms. Mesich informed the committee that no City employee can partake in collecting funds.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

9. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

A report was given by Senior Vice Chairman L. Johnson. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

No report given.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

No report given.

10. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Possible Fundraising/Discussion

Committee Member H. Johnson stated the ceremony was still in the planning stages and had no recent updates. He indicated he would like assistance in planning the ceremony. Committee Member L. Johnson offered his services and assistance. Committee Member M. Baker offered to help with the Hebrew prayers.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

11. Peter Kane, Tucson Airport Authority Representative will speak on the Military Liaison Office Update/Discussion

An update was given by Peter Kane and announced he was the new representative for the Military Liaison Office and would be coordinating updates on Operation Exodus. He stated they had received a \$6000.00 donation which would be used for capital improvements. Committee Member C.W. Hall asked if he would be joining the Committee.

No formal action taken.

12. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

Peter Kane stated that he had only been in his position a short time and needs to be further educated on Operation Exodus.

No formal action taken.

13. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion

Senior Vice Chairman L. Johnson opened the discussion. It was discussed having the event on a different day than Veterans' Day and holding the event at Reid Park instead of downtown. Committee Member E. Torres asked if Mayor Rothschild would continue to support Hats Off to Heroes or if the Committee would decide how best to use the funds.

A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

14. Veteran's Parade Update/Discussion

Committee Member C. Rundell stated the parade would be on Monday, November 12, 2018. She also stated that she would send an invitation to Mayor Rothschild to ride in the parade with the Committee.

A discussion was held. No formal action taken.

15. VAC Mission Statement Update/ Discussion

Committee Member C. Rundell provided and read three different mission statements to the committee. A discussion was held.

It was moved by Committee C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a written vote of 13 to 0 (Chairman B. Hamilton and Committee Members M. Morgan, G. Ochoa and D. Thomas absent), to approve Option 1 (To confer with and advise Mayor and council concerning matters of interest to Veterans and to support and promote veteran projects in the Tucson community and surrounding areas.)

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members C.W. Hall, E. Torres, H. Johnson, M. Baker, W. Wojciechowski, M. Belden, and C. Rundell. No formal action was taken.

17. Future Agenda Items:

- Hats Off to Heroes
- Veteran's Parade

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- VAC Mission Statement vote to Bylaws
- Operation Exodus
- Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony
- Appointment of new Chaplain
- Fundraising Letter
- Consideration/Approval of Members

18. Salute to Colors

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.