



Veterans' Affairs Committee
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bruce Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

Present:

Carol Rundell

C.W. Hall
William Burks
Phyllis Russell
William Wojciechowski

Robert "Bob" Slocum
Joel Stoltz
Mark Levine
Bruce Hamilton
Martin Belden
Melvin Morgan
Peter Kane (Advisory Member)

Representing:

Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary,
Cactus Chapter 2
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26
Esperanza En Escalante
Military Officers Association of America,
Tucson Chapter
Military Order of the Purple Heart
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106
Tucson Airport Authority

Absent:

Gary Ochoa
Lester Craig
Henry Johnson
Luke Johnson
Shaun Pfund

Arizona Department of Veteran's Services
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans
Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System
Tucson Veteran's Cemetery Group

Staff Member Present:

Delma Sanchez
Jaime Corrales

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

3. Invocation

The invocation was given by Committee Member C. Rundell.

4. Introduction of Guests

No guests present.

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- 5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from March 13, 2019 meeting**
Committee Member P. Russell indicated there was an error on Item 1. The meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Chairperson Luke Johnson.

It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, H. Johnson, L. Johnson, G. Ochoa and S. Pfund absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the March 13, 2019 meeting with the correction stated above.

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 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, H. Johnson, L. Johnson, G. Ochoa and S. Pfund absent), to accept the Financial Report.

7. Consideration/Approval of Members

a. Appointment of Terry Byron, recommended by the Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72 Detachment

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated Terry Byron was being recommended for appointment by the Marine Corps League, Marana Night Hawk 72 Detachment.

It was moved by Committee Member W. Burks, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, H. Johnson, L. Johnson, G. Ochoa and S. Pfund absent) to appoint Terry Byron to the Veterans' Affairs Committee (VAC).

8. Committee Reports

a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System

Committee Member C. Rundell stated that a Resource Fair and Town Hall would be held on May 17, 2019 at the Veteran's Hospital, and a barbeque and movie night would follow after. No formal action was taken.

b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery

No report was given.

c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service

No report was given.

9. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated the event had concluded for the year. Discussion was held concerning funding for the next years upcoming event. No formal action was taken.

10. Military Lounge Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane, briefed the Committee as to the progress of the renovation of the Military Lounge. He stated that the delay was due to contractor's issues. No formal action was taken.

11. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion

Advisory Member P. Kane gave a brief report. He stated that he would report next month as to what items were more popular than others. No formal action was taken.

12. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated they were working on confirming the event date. Discussion was held concerning fundraising efforts. No formal action was taken.

13. Military Officers Association of America – Scholarship Funds Update/Discussion

Presentation was given by Committee Member W. Wojciechowski, and he stated that currently his organization would be awarding three (3) scholarships to ROTC Cadets at the University of Arizona on April 22, 2019; one to each major branch of the military (Army, Air Force and Navy). He was looking for support to increase the (current) \$750.00 amount to a larger amount. Chairperson B. Hamilton suggested that Mr. Wojciechowski provide a flier for distribution and possibly a presentation. It was decided to add this item to next month's agenda for further discussion. No formal action was taken.

14. Veterans' Affairs Fundraising Update/Discussion

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened this item for discussion. Various ideas were suggested for possible fundraising efforts. It was decided to update the current letter used for fundraising. It was also suggested that a copy of the list of participants in the Veterans' Day Parade be used as a means to solicit contributions from those businesses and organizations. Mr. Kane suggested contacting Tucson Airlines for airline ticket donations for raffling. He stated he would provide a contact list of the various airlines at Tucson International Airport (TIA). It was decided to add this item to next month's agenda for further discussion. No formal action was taken.

15. Dealing with Water Contamination Update/Discussion

Committee Member R. Slocum briefed the Committee on an issue that had recently come to light regarding contamination in water wells throughout Pima County spanning from 1971 through 2017. He suggested forming a sub-committee that could enable communication amongst the Committee Members and outside sources, without violating rules, regulations and the Committee's bylaws. Recording Secretary D. Sanchez stated she would follow up next meeting with clarification regarding a sub-committee. It was decided to add this item to next month's agenda for further discussion. No formal action was taken.

16. Summer Recess (June, July & August) Update/Discussion

It was moved by Committee Member C. Rundell, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, H. Johnson, L. Johnson, G. Ochoa and S. Pfund absent), to approve the months of June, July and August 2019, as summer recess months.

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

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members, M. Morgan, C. Rundell and R. Slocum; Chairperson B. Hamilton and Advisory Member P. Kane. No formal action was taken.

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18. Future Agenda Items:

- Presentation for Mayor Rothschild
- Military Officers Association of America partnering with other organizations in combining scholarship programs
- 2019 Arizona State Legislature HB2011
- Veterans' Affairs Committee Fundraising
- Dealing with water contamination
- Veteran's Day Parade **(September 2019)**
- Appreciation for Mayor Rothschild **(September 2019)**

19. Salute to Colors

20. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.