

City of Scottsdale

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Notice & **MARKED AGENDA**

5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, 2023

Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road Scottsdale, AZ 85251



One or more members of the Commission may attend the meeting by telephone, video, or internet conferencing as allowed by ARS §38-431(4).

1. Call to Order / Roll Call - 5:03 p.m.

Chair Steven Jackson, Vice Chair Land Anderson

Commissioners Mark Ashley, Justin Layman, Patrick Mazzarella, Pete Palmer, Joel Stempil

**PRESENT: Chair Steven Jackson (arrived at 5:14 p.m.), Vice Chair Land Anderson (phone)
Commissioners Mark Ashley, Justin Layman, Patrick Mazzarella, Pete Palmer, Joel Stempil**

2. Public Comment

Citizens may address the Veterans Advisory Commission during public comment, this time is reserved for citizen comments regarding non-agenized items. State law prohibits the commission from discussing or acting on an item that is not on the published agenda. Citizens may submit one Request to Speak per meeting; comment is limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve [Nov. 1, 2023, commission meeting minutes](#)

APPROVED 7-0; motion by Commissioner Stempil; 2nd Commissioner Mazzarella; Chair Jackson, Vice-chair Anderson, Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazzarella, Palmer and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

4. Presentation, discussion and possible recommendations: Veterans legislation at the state and federal levels (*Guest: Dale Wiebusch, Scottsdale government relations director*) - *no action taken*

5. Discussion and possible recommendations – follow-up on Scottsdale Salutes and Scottsdale Veterans Day 2023 programs (*Commissioners and staff*)

APPROVED 7-0; motion by Vice Chair Anderson to recommend that the City partner with the American Legion for the 2024 Veterans Day and not invite VFW; 2nd Commissioner Palmer. Amendment proposed by Commissioner Ashley, accepted by Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioner Palmer that the City host the Veterans Day event at a time and location of the City's choice with participants of the City's choice. Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazzarella, Palmer and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

APPROVED 7-0; motion by Chair Jackson that the Commission recommend to City Council that staff not invite VFW to participate in the Veterans Day event hosted by the City at least in 2024. 2nd Vice Chair Anderson. Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazzarella, Palmer and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

6. **Discussion and possible action to adopt the calendar year 2024 meeting schedule**
(Chair Jackson and staff)
APPROVED 7-0; to approve calendar year 2024 as presented; motion by Chair Jackson; 2nd Commissioner Palmer; Chair Jackson, Vice Chair Anderson and Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazarella, Palmer and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

7. **Discussion and possible action to nominate commission chair and vice chair to be elected at the Jan. 3, 2024 meeting** *(Chair Jackson and staff)*
Commissioner Palmer nominated Vice-Chair Anderson as new Chair ; 2nd Commissioner Ashley; Chair Jackson nominated Commissioner Layman as new Vice-Chair; 2nd Commissioner Palmer

Discussion of the draft 2023 Annual Report to be considered for adoption at the Jan. 3, 2024 meeting *(Chair Jackson and staff) - no action taken*

8. **Discussion, updates and possible recommendations regarding the [Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan](#)** *(Chair Jackson and staff) - no action taken*

9. **Commissioner reports, staff updates and suggestions for future agenda items**
Suggestions regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting – Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024 - no action taken

10. **Adjournment 6:53 p.m.**
APPROVED: 7-0; motion by Chair Jackson; 2nd Commissioner Palmer; Chair Jackson, Vice-Chair Anderson and Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazarella, Palmer and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes

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