

City of Scottsdale

## VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Notice & **MARKED AGENDA**

**5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024**

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 5:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT: Vice Chair Land Anderson (Chair), Commissioners Mark Ashley, Justin Layman (Vice Chair), Patrick Mazzarella, Pete Palmer, Joel Stempil (MS Teams)**

**ABSENT: Chair Steven Jackson**

### **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 [Dec. 6, 2023, commission meeting minutes](#)**

**APPROVED: 6-0; Vice-Chair Anderson motioned; 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Palmer; Vice-Chair Anderson, Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazzarella, Palmer, and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**

### **4. Nomination and election of chair to serve for calendar year 2024 (Staff liaison)**

**Elected Chair: Land Anderson; 6-0; Chair Anderson, Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazzarella, Palmer, and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**

**Chair Anderson was recognized as Commission chair for the remainder of the meeting**

### **5. Nomination and election of vice chair to serve for calendar year 2024 (Staff liaison)**

**Elected Vice Chair: Justin Layman; 6-0; Vice-Chair Anderson, Commissioners Ashley, Layman, Mazzarella, Palmer, and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**

**Vice-Chair Layman was recognized as Commission vice chair for the remainder of the meeting**

### **6. Discussion and possible action to adopt the Veterans Advisory Commission 2023**

**Annual Report** (*Chair and staff*)

**APPROVED: 6-0; Commissioner Palmer motioned; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair Anderson; Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Layman, Commissioners Ashley, Mazzarella, Palmer, and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**

7. **Presentation, discussion and possible recommendations: Veteran Census update**  
*(Commissioner Palmer)*
8. **Discussion, updates and possible recommendations regarding the [Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan](#)** (*Chair and staff*)
9. **Commissioner reports, staff updates and suggestions for future agenda items**  
*Suggestions regarding the draft agenda for the next meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2024.*
10. **Adjournment 5:30 p.m.**

**APPROVED: 6-0; Vice-Chair Anderson motioned; 2<sup>nd</sup> Commissioner Layman; Chair Anderson, Vice-Chair Layman, Commissioners Ashley, Mazzarella, Palmer, and Stempil voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes**



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