



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Scottsdale Community Design Studio
7506 E. Indian School Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Land Anderson, Chair
Justin Layman, Vice Chair
Mark Ashley (arrived at 4:50 p.m.)
Steven Jackson (arrived at 4:56 p.m.)
Patrick Mazzarella
Pete Palmer
Joel Stempil

STAFF: Kelly Corsette, Communications/Public Affairs Director

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice-Chair Layman called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

Members present as listed above.

2. Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

3. Discussion and possible action to approve October 2, 2024 commission meeting minutes

CHAIR ANDERSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2, 2024 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER STEMPIL SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ANDERSON, VICE-CHAIR LAYMAN, COMMISSIONERS MAZZARELLA, PALMER, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONERS ASHLEY AND JACKSON WERE NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and Updates - 2024/25 veterans recognition activities

Kelly Corsette, Communications/Public Affairs Director, announced that Mayor Ortega and Chair Anderson will speak during the Scottsdale Salutes reception being held tonight on the back patio of Scottsdale Community Design Studio. Approximately, 140 people have RSVP'd for the event. He thanked his staff and Commissioners for their participation and hard work in preparing for the event.

The annual Veterans Day commemoration will be held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at Scottsdale Civic Center Memorial Lawn, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Keynote speaker will be Lieutenant General John Regni USAF retired. Historian Joan Fudalla will introduce the Scottsdale Veterans Trail, which is an online collection of locations in Scottsdale where veterans are honored.

Scottsdale Salutes honorees will be invited to participate in Parada del Sol on February 1, 2025. The Commission will talk further about the group's participation during a future meeting.

Commissioner Palmer noted that the Waterfront Veterans' Day event is being held on Thursday, November 7, 2024. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Chair Anderson noted that VAC Commissioners have been invited to participate in a pinning ceremony at 12:30 on Monday, November 11th, following the Veterans' Day event and again on Thursday, November 14th at a different location. He anticipates approximately 40 to 60 Veterans or spouses to be in attendance at each event.

5. Commissioner reports, staff updates and suggestions for future agenda items

Chair Anderson gave a brief update on the progress of plans for the Vietnam veterans commemorative event, which will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Commissioner Stempil suggested that they look into inviting the ASU Navel ROTC to participate. Chair Anderson said that he has reached out to Junior ROTC's from around the valley.

Commissioner Mazzarella invited Commissioners to attend the Neighbors Helping Neighbors annual fundraiser on Thursday, November 7th.

Mr. Corsette announced that on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, the Veterans Advisory Commission will present City Council with the recognition of the City of Scottsdale as a Vietnam War Commemorative Partner top performer.

Mr. Corsette said that City Council will nominate applicants for VAC appointments during their

November 19th meeting. Appointments will be made during the December 3rd City Council meeting. He noted that Commissioner Stimple is terming out and tonight is his last meeting. Chair Anderson will not be reapplying. He thanked both of them for their service on the Commission.

Chair Anderson spoke briefly about his experience on the Commission and thanked staff and Commissioners.

Commissioner Stempil thanked staff and Commissioners and talked about his experience on the Commission.

8. Adjournment

CHAIR ANDERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VICE-CHAIR LAYMAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SEVEN (7) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR ANDERSON, VICE-CHAIR LAYMAN, COMMISSIONERS ASHLEY, JACKSON, MAZZARELLA, PALMER, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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