



City of Las Cruces[®]

Veterans Advisory Board Agenda

The following Agenda will be considered at a regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board to be held March 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Documents:

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4. Board Member Reports
5. Public Participation
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - 7.1. Parks and Rec - Sonya Delgado
 - 7.2. Humana - Lydia Perez
 - 7.3. VA Court - Kairi Cordova
8. Reminders
 - 8.1. March 27 - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans
 - 8.2. April 17 - Easter
9. Adjournment

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Veterans Advisory Board Minutes February 22, 2022

Date: February 22, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Place: City Hall, Council Chambers; 700 N. Main., Las Cruces, NM

Members Present:

Karen Woods, Chair - UMWSW, United Military Women of the Southwest
 Rod Gajewski, Vice Chair - MOPH, Military Order of Purple Heart
 Victor Eres, Marine Corps League
 Hubert L. Gay, VVA, Vietnam Veterans of America
 Christine Sautter, MOAA,
 Daniel Ansbach, Special Forces Association
 Jesse Addison, VFW Post 3242 – Not present
 Patrick Ramirez, VFW Post 10124
 Sam Bothern, DAV Chapter 10
 James (JR) Turner, Member at Large 1
 Hector Sanchez, Member at Large 2 – Student
 Mike Cano, Member at Large 3

City Staff Present:

Eric Enriquez, Asst City Manager
 Larry Nichols, Community Development Director

<i>AGENDA ITEM</i>	<i>TIME RECORDING</i>	<i>DISCUSSIONS/CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS</i>	<i>ACTION TAKEN</i>
1. Call to Order	11:30	Chair Woods called the meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board to order	Board acknowledged Pledge by VAB
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda	13:55	Public Posted February 22, 2022, Agenda reviewed by VAB – motion at accept the agenda as amended change election title to “Chair” and “Vice Chair” in lieu “Pres and Vice Pres.” (VBM Grajewski) Motion by VABM -Mike Cano Second by VABM -James Turner	VAB unanimously approved - Feb 22,2022 meeting agenda by voice vote
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes	14:30	Minutes reviewed by VAB motion at accept the minutes as amended Typo corrections Motion by VABM - Mike Cano Second by VABM – James Turner	VAB unanimously approved - the Jan 25, 2022, minutes by voice vote

<p>4. Board Member Reports</p>	<p>15:20</p>	<p>Hubert Gay, Vietnam Veterans, food drive 1st Sunday of each month Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran Ceremonies March 27 & March 29, Veterans Park Lighting completed by March 7.</p> <p>Patrick Ramirez, VGW Post 10124 – Post is operational hosting several events dinners, breakfast and haircuts. Donations gratefully accepted</p> <p>Hector Sanchez – Member at Large- Still out offices, currently helping students remotely</p> <p>Daniel Ansbach, Special Forces Association – no report this month</p> <p>Sam Bothern, DAV Chapter 10 – Being re-chartered social event March 13 at 14:00</p> <p>Mike Cano, Member at Large 3 – Meeting for Stand Down on Oct 22,2022 7:30 – 1:00 assistance would be appreciated</p> <p>Rod Gajewski, MOPH – no report this month Candlelight ceremony tentative</p> <p>Christine Sautter, MOAA – no report this month</p> <p>Karen Woods, UMWSW – Reminder Free Breakfast Discussion from the public on the parking lot. Update on renaming clinic.</p> <p>Victor Eres, Marine Corps League, Marine Corps Monument has been dismantled – repairs and maintenance Contacts made to host NM Color Guard Competition in Las Cruces on Apr 21, 8:00 to 15:00</p>	<p>Read into record</p>
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		<p>John Poland, American Legion Post 10, Post 10 received NM State Gaming Control Board authorization to reinstate Bingo events. \$2500 in awards each Bingo night. Food available to folks, please notify. Hosting American Legion College this year</p> <p>JR Turner, Member at Large 1, Maintaining custody of the Garrison Flags, good turnout for Presidents Day. Flags on Display for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans March 27 Requested input on security measures for flag placements to prevent damage and /or theft for long term presence. Discussion re flag display protocol and scheduling Added comment re size of NM flag being larger than American flag. Check protocol for flag size.</p>	
<p>5. Public Participation</p>	<p>31:05</p>	<p>Bruce Fonnest- Vietnam Veterans Comments re: Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans events and ceremonies on March 27 & March 29, Assistance with events appreciated</p> <p>Dolores Archuleta, Veterans Wall Chair – comments re: a call from Hobbs, NM seeking information to create a Veterans Park in Hobbs</p> <p>Volunteered to pick up flags when needed and to display the flags. VAB members offered help.</p> <p>Montevis Price – montevis.roce@VA.gov comments re: a mental health summit on March 23, 2002 at NMSU. Highlight veterans' contribution to the community, and VA commitment to the same.</p> <p>Sonya Delgado- PARD Director - update re: Vet Park lighting and NM Legislature Funding for Vet Park Parking lot was \$250,000. Check into status for Purple Heart monument lighting</p>	<p>Read into record</p>

		<p>John Wayne Stannon? – first time participant. Comment re: Veterans Park funding. Requested recognition for Larry Orbus. Chair stated that recognition had been given previously</p> <p>Vince Telles – NM Veterans Services introduction and announced establishing operation services in LC</p>	
6. Old Business	56:43	<p>Update on Veterans Parking Lot</p> <p>ACM Enriquez comments re: the city would re-evaluate the project to determine what work can be done with allocated funding and potential other funding sources</p> <p>Status of renaming Veterans Clinic</p> <p>Chair Woods comments re: status information Received suggestions for name(s)</p>	<p>Discussion on the NM State Legislature funding \$250,00 – next steps</p> <p>Discussion</p>
7. New Business:	1:04	<p>Chair Woods appointed City staff (Nichols) to proceed with the VAB Officer Election process for VAB Chair and Vice Chair nominations taken from the floor for both VAB Chair and Vice Chair</p> <p>Motions and Seconds to conduct the VAB elections</p> <p>Update on Veterans Park lighting</p>	<p>Motion to close nominations- Elections conducted</p> <p>Ms Woods elected chair</p> <p>Mr Gajewski elected Vice Chair</p> <p>Discussion by VAB and PARD Director</p>
8. Reminders:	1:10	<p>Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans March 26 & March 27</p> <p>Garrison dates stated</p>	<p>Schedule of Events and Ceremonies presented by VVB Bruce Fonnest and Hubert Gay</p> <p>JR Turner presented</p>

		Stand Down - Oct 2022 Next meeting April 26, 2022 Vietnam Veterans Recognition – March 29, 11:00 Elks Club	Mike Cano presented Sam Jones presented
9. Adjournment	1:13	Chair Woods requested motion to adjourn Motion by VABM Gajewski Second by VABM Turner	VAB unanimously approved by voice vote