



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 May 24, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Veterans Advisory Board Minutes

Documents:

[VAB MINUTES - APRIL 26 2022.PDF](#)

4. Veterans Advisory Board - Reports and Comments
5. Public Participation
 - **5.1 Agencies and Public**
6. Action
 - **6.1 Name Modification to Veterans Memorial Park**
7. Old Business
 - **7.1 Update Information re Veterans Clinic Naming**
 - **7.2 Veterans Park - monument maintenance**
8. New Business
 - **8.1 VAB Subcommittee - comments from meeting with City Manager Pili**
 - **8.2 Military Order of Purple Heart - Report on signage location and status**
9. Reminders
 - **9.1 May 20, Run to the Wall Ceremony**

- **9.2 May 30, Memorial Day**
- **9.3 June 14, Flag Day**
- **9.4 June 19, Fathers Day**
- **9.5 Next Meeting June 28, 2022**

10. Adjournment

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Veterans Advisory Board Minutes April 26, 2022

Date: April 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

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

Board Members Present:

Karen Woods, Chair - United Military Women of the Southwest (UMWSW)

Rod Gajewski, Vice Chair - Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH)

Victor Eres, Marine Corps League

Hubert Gay, VVA, Vietnam Veterans of America

Christine Sautter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Daniel Ansbach, Special Forces Association

Patrick Ramirez, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10124 (VFW)

Sam Bothern, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10 (DAV)

James Turner, Member at Large Number 1

Mike Cano, Member at Large Number 3

John Poland, American Legion Post 10

Board Members Absent:

Jesse Addison, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3242 (VFW)

Hector Sanchez, Member at Large Number 2 – Student

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	09:01	Chair Woods - called the meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board to order	Board acknowledged Pledge by VAB
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda	09:06	Public Posted April 26, 2022, Agenda reviewed by VAB – motion to accept the agenda.	VAB unanimously approved – April 26 ,2022 meeting agenda by voice vote
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes	9:08	Minutes reviewed by VAB motion to accept the minutes as amended typo corrections.	VAB unanimously approved - the April 26, 2022, minutes by voice vote

<p>4. Board Member Reports</p>	<p>9:16</p>	<p>Karen Woods, <i>UMWSW</i> - called District Judge, James Martin, to speak; Veterans Court Movement (drug court) to provide and help with services to any veteran with addiction to drugs/alcohol. Funds were provided from City of Las Cruces. Additional funds were also given from the State of NM. Program has gowned and it has been successful.</p> <p>Sam Bothern, <i>DAV Chapter 10</i> -DAV will be doing Spring Fundraiser at Golden Corral, from May 20th - 30th</p> <p>Christine Sautter, <i>MOAA</i> - In process of giving awards to J ROTC and ROTC programs. - Will be commissioning 3 graduates from Burrell Medical college. - Luncheon with Sonya Smith, secretary of VA Services, on May 18th will send email with additional information.</p> <p>John Poland, <i>American Legion Post 10</i> - Provided awards and certificates to J ROTC and to Mayfield and Las Cruces High schools. - Food pantry/free food at the American Legion, 1185 E. Madrid for Vets or anybody in need. Please contact Linda Hedricks 575-339-5252. - On behalf of Larry Orvis, on Memorial Day, Sunday, May 29th ceremony with flag at Saint Joseph Cemetery on Espina st, starting at 7:00am.</p> <p>Daniel Ansbach, <i>Special Forces Association</i> - will be handing out awards to Junior ROTC and ROTC at New Mexico State. - Enchilada plate dinner on June 25th at VFW Post 3242. Tickets for \$10.</p>	<p>Read into record</p>
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		<p>Hubert Gay, <i>Vietnam Veterans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run for the wall, at Veterans Park at the Vietnam War Memorial, May 20th at 8:00am. - Opening ceremony for the National Museum Vietnam Veterans at National Museum in Weatherford, TX on June 27th. <p>Rod Gajewski, <i>MOPH</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ROTC in NMSU have pass-in-review at 3:00pm on April 28th and awards presentation. <p>Patrick Ramirez, <i>VFW Post 10124</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Friday dinner from 4:00pm to 7:00pm for a nominal fee. <p>James Turner, <i>Member at Large 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - will be dropping Garrison flag. <p>Mike Cano, <i>Member at Large 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - thank you to members for events. <p>Karen Woods, <i>UMWSW</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board members will be part on holding events for more funding. - First event: Enchilada dinner from noon to 3:00pm on May 21st at VFW Fund will be given to the city at a lump sum. 	
<p>5. Public Participation</p>	<p>09:41</p>	<p>Mark Rielo, VA Interim Director in El Paso.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funds were approved to start building a New Medical Center for veterans, construction should start sometime in August and done within 51 months. - CDC authorize a second booster for 50+ and older for veterans. Available in Outpatient clinics on Tuesdays and Thursdays. <p>Kristina Correa – Talent Management</p>	<p>Read into record</p>

Specialist for Tresco Inc.
- nonprofit organization that provides services for adults and children with disabilities. Is a program that offers employment opportunity for veterans with varying abilities and for their families.
- Looking for family members of veterans who are suffering secondhand anxiety, PTSD, or depression or other.
- Partnership with NM Drug Court.
Contact: kcorrea@trescoinc.org
Personal: 575-644-7187
Office: 575-528-2200

Franco Ramiro, Parks Administrator –
May 2nd turf will be treated for invasive weed issue.
- Contractor has been selected to do lights, will start soon. Will keep up with updates.

Marsha Amador, Assistant Nurse Manager for Home Based Primary Care – specialty primary clinic, go to vets homes to assess their needs. 85 % capacity right now, and 70 mile radius. Still room to benefit any veteran.
Contact: 915-471-2001

Don Armstrong, medical foster home program Assistant
– part of home-based primary care, help assist in actual home with an occupational therapist to do an assessment.

Dale Lawrence, Vet Center
– short staff, looking for work studies for Summer and Fall.

Sarah Kamalipour, Caregiver Support Program in El Paso
– Offers help to vets and family members or friends. Services such as activities, supervision, protection, or emotional health.
Contact: 915-564-6100 ext. 6065

<p>6. Old Business</p>	<p>10:14</p>	<p>Karen Wood, - On Veterans Clinic, currently working with Lujan Office Center who runs office trying to get all paperwork forward to them. Long process will notify with any updates.</p>	
<p>7. New Business:</p>	<p>10:18</p>	<p>Eric Enriquez, <i>Asst City Manager</i> – Public works working on different options for parking lot. Recently submitted funding for congressional grant money. Federal lobbyist will be pushing the funding as well.</p> <p>Larry F Nichols, <i>Community Development Director</i> - Presentation to VAB giving 2020 Census Report information on NM and Dona Ana County Veterans.</p>	
<p>8. Reminders:</p>	<p>10:26</p>	<p>May 29th at 7:00 am., ceremony at Saint Joseph Cemetery on Espina St.</p> <p>Spring Fundraiser at Golden Corral, from May 20th - 30th</p> <p>Enchilada plate dinner on June 25th at VFW Post 3242. Tickets for \$10.</p> <p>Next meeting May 24, 2022 – 9:00hrs City Council Chambers</p>	
<p>9. Adjournment</p>	<p>10:31</p>	<p>Chair Woods, requested motion to adjourn</p>	<p>VAB unanimously approved by voice vote</p>