

# MINUTES OF THE US MILITARY VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dunedin Community Center

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 / 10:00 am

Members Present: Rev. Bob Swick (Outgoing Chair), Rob Cozen (Incoming Chair) Larri Gerson (Vice Chair), James Spangler, Frank Vanore, Eric Keaton, Kevin Sinnett, William Short (alt), Lacy Zabel Hollings (alt).

Members Absent: Paul Thompson

Presenters: NA

City Staff Present: Vince Gizzi, Parks & Recreation Director; Lanie Sheets, Administration Superintendent

Other Attendees: Commissioner Moe Freaney

**CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Gerson called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.**

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Approval of December 2023 Minutes

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Frank Vanore and seconded by Eric Keaton to approve the December 2023 minutes.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Welcomes – The committee welcomed Commissioner Moe Freaney. New committee alternate members William (Bill) Short and Lacy Zabel Hollings were introduced.

- c. Secretary – Kevin Sinnett volunteered to act as committee secretary.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Eric Keaton and seconded by James Spangler to approve the designation.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

## 2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual Report - A review of the Annual Report was conducted with minor amendments made. The Administration Superintendent will incorporate these changes into the document and provide an updated Annual Report for review at the February committee meeting.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Larri Gerson and seconded by Eric Keaton to approve the Annual Report with the amendments.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- b. Annual Review of Resolution – A review of Resolution 17-47 was conducted by the committee. All members will comply with the resolution.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Rob Cozen and seconded by Eric Keaton for the committee to familiarize themselves with and comply with Resolution 17-47.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- c. Annual Election (Vice Chair): Larri Gerson volunteered to remain Vice Chair.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Frank Vanore and seconded by Eric Keaton to nominate Larri Gerson as the next Committee Vice Chair.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

- d. Annual Meeting Calendar – A review was conducted for the dates for CY 2024 meetings. It was agreed to change the following 2024 dates: July 3 to July 10 and August 7 to August 14; and the January 2025 meeting from January 1 to January 8.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Rob Cozen and seconded by Frank Vanore to approve these meeting date changes.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Veteran Owned/Friendly Businesses – A review of the Sheriff Ranches Thrift Store as a veteran friendly was conducted.

**MOTION:** Motion was made by Rob Cozen and seconded by Eric Keaton to approve the application.

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Committee Vacancies Update: Lacy Zobel Hollings and Bill Short introduced themselves to the committee. Both are veterans and are motivated to participate in the committee. They will serve as Alternate Members.

### **4. OPEN FLOOR**

- a. Larri Gerson inquired on any recognition military veterans that serve on the City of Dunedin staff might receive.
- b. Larri Gerson suggested we discuss a possible City of Dunedin Veterans Wall at a location to be determined.

- c. A review of the three (3) proposals the Veterans Committee has for the City Commissioners will be conducted at the February meeting.

## **5. NEXT MEETING**

The next committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, 7 February 2024.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** 11:25 PM

**MOTION:** Motion by Frank Vanore, seconded by Rob Cozen

**VOTE:** Motion carried unanimously

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