



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 January 24, 2023 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 -NOVEMBER 22 2022.PDF](#)

4. Recognitions
 - 4.1 Veterans Corner - Chair
5. Election of Officers - Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary
 - 5.1 VAB - City Staff Liaison conducts proceedings
6. Board Member Reports
 - 6.1 City Staff comments
7. Public Participation
 - 7.1 Adrian Gonzalez
 - 7.2 Agencies
8. Old Business
 - 8.1 Park Signage Rules - Special Use Veterans Memorial Park
9. New Business

- 9.1 to be announced if applicable

10. Reminders

- Jan 16, 2023 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb 20, 2023 - President's Day
- Feb 28, 2023 - Next Meeting

11. Adjournment

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Veterans Advisory Board Minutes November 22, 2022

Date: November 22, 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)
 Victor Eres, Marine Corps League
 Mike Cano, Member at Large Number 3
 Patrick Ramirez, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10124 (VFW)
 Sam Bothern, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 10 (DAV)
 James Turner, Member at Large Number 1
 Daniel Ansbach, Special Forces Association
 Rod Gajewski, Vice Chair - Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH)
 Hubert Gay, VVA, Vietnam Veterans of America

Board Members Absent:

Christine Sautter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)
 Jesse Addison, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3242 (VFW)
 Hector Sanchez, Member at Large Number 2 – Student
 John Poland, American Legion Post 10

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	09:00	Chair Woods - called the meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board to order	Board acknowledged Pledge by VAB
2. Approval of Agenda	09:03	Agenda reviewed by VAB – motion to accept the agenda for November 22, 2022.	VAB unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes	09:03	Minutes from October 25, 2022, reviewed by VAB motion to accept the minutes with corrections.	VAB unanimously approved
4. Recognitions	09:04	Larry Nichols – Recognitions of the Veteran’s Day Parade Committee.	

<p>5. Veterans Advisory Board – Reports and Comments</p>	<p>09:16</p>	<p>Victor Eres, <i>Marine Corps League</i> - Serviced for Toys for Tots at Dona Ana County - Last month had three color guards and seven funerals to honor.</p> <p>Daniel Ansbach, <i>Special Forces Association</i> - nothing to report for this month</p> <p>Hubert Gay, <i>VVA, Vietnam Veterans of America</i> - Annual Christmas Dinner, December 20th at La Posta - Camino Real School did a march of honors for veterans</p> <p>Sam Bothern, <i>DAV Chapter 10</i> - nothing to report this month</p> <p>Rod Gajewski, <i>Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH)</i> - Completed Park cleanup for the month of November - Visited Gadsden Middle School to speak with students</p> <p>James Turner, <i>Member at Large 1</i> - Garrison Flag will be flying for Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Christmas Day.</p> <p>Patrick Ramirez, <i>Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10124 (VFW)</i> - nothing to report this month</p> <p>Mike Cano, <i>Member at Large Number 3</i> - Visited Gadsden Highschool and Middle school for veteran ceremonies.</p> <p>Karen Woods, <i>United Military Women of the Southwest (UMWSW)</i> - Completed a 21-day walkathon with Middle School students.</p>	
<p>6. Old Business</p>	<p>09:27</p>	<p>Veterans Memorial Park, update – Franco Granillo - All 3 signage were successfully installed in the park. - Will have an update on request to restripe the parking lot.</p> <p>Updates on Naming Veterans Clinic – Karen Woods - Gave and submit additional information and still pending.</p>	

		<p>Updates on Veterans Memorial Parking Lot – David Viarreal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding in place for parking lot expansion. - 90% complete with design - Construction might start in the month of March 2023 - Will give more updates for next month’s meeting in January 2023 	
7. New Business	09:41	no new business to report this month	
8. Public Participation	09:41	<p>Dolores Archuleta Chair of the Veterans Memorial Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advice to encourage more people to visit Veterans Park. <p>Bill Hawkins, Veterans Parade Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comment that the Veteran’s Parade was very successful this year. - For next parade the planning meeting will start between May – June 2023. <p>Don Armstrong Home Based Primary Care Medical Foster Home Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They offered lunch during the holidays for those veterans who couldn’t make it to the CBOC. <p>Adrian Gonzalez</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would like to have a memorial bench with placard for daughter. - Will rescheduled and be added to the agenda for next meeting in January 2023 to discuss alternative options. <p>Larry Nichols, Community Development Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members from Historical Preservation Committee will give a 20-minute presentation to Middle School to high school groups about the history of the monuments at the veteran’s park. - A proposed was made to the International Code Council, to help train and find jobs for those veterans that might be interested in becoming building inspectors, plan reviews or permit technicians. 	Read into record

9. Reminders	10:13	November 11 – Veterans Day November 24 – Thanksgiving Day November 22 – Next Meeting	
1. Adjournment	10:14	Karen Woods , requested motion to adjourn	VAB unanimously approved by voice vote