

## 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>
<b>1. Call to Order</b>	09:00	<b>Chair Woods</b> - called the meeting of the Veterans Advisory Board to order	Board acknowledged Pledge by VAB
<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	09:03	Agenda reviewed by VAB – motion to accept the agenda for November 22, 2022.	VAB unanimously approved
<b>3. Approval of Minutes</b>	09:03	Minutes from October 25, 2022, reviewed by VAB motion to accept the minutes with corrections.	VAB unanimously approved
<b>4. Recognitions</b>	09:04	<b>Larry Nichols</b> – Recognitions of the Veteran’s Day Parade Committee.	

<p><b>5. Veterans Advisory Board – Reports and Comments</b></p>	<p>09:16</p>	<p><b>Victor Eres,</b> <i>Marine Corps League</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Serviced for Toys for Tots at Dona Ana County</li> <li>- Last month had three color guards and seven funerals to honor.</li> </ul> <p><b>Daniel Ansbach,</b> <i>Special Forces Association</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nothing to report for this month</li> </ul> <p><b>Hubert Gay,</b> <i>VVA, Vietnam Veterans of America</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual Christmas Dinner, December 20<sup>th</sup> at La Posta</li> <li>- Camino Real School did a march of honors for veterans</li> </ul> <p><b>Sam Bothern,</b> <i>DAV Chapter 10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nothing to report this month</li> </ul> <p><b>Rod Gajewski,</b> <i>Military Order of Purple Heart (MOPH)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed Park cleanup for the month of November</li> <li>- Visited Gadsden Middle School to speak with students</li> </ul> <p><b>James Turner,</b> <i>Member at Large 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Garrison Flag will be flying for Thanksgiving Day, Pearl Harbor Day and Christmas Day.</li> </ul> <p><b>Patrick Ramirez,</b> <i>Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10124 (VFW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- nothing to report this month</li> </ul> <p><b>Mike Cano,</b> <i>Member at Large Number 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visited Gadsden Highschool and Middle school for veteran ceremonies.</li> </ul> <p><b>Karen Woods,</b> <i>United Military Women of the Southwest (UMWSW)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed a 21-day walkathon with Middle School students.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Old Business</b></p>	<p>09:27</p>	<p><b>Veterans Memorial Park, update – Franco Granillo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All 3 signage were successfully installed in the park.</li> <li>- Will have an update on request to restripe the parking lot.</li> </ul> <p><b>Updates on Naming Veterans Clinic – Karen Woods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gave and submit additional information and still pending.</li> </ul>	

		<p><b>Updates on Veterans Memorial Parking Lot – David Viarreal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Funding in place for parking lot expansion.</li> <li>- 90% complete with design</li> <li>- Construction might start in the month of March 2023</li> <li>- Will give more updates for next month’s meeting in January 2023</li> </ul>	
<b>7. New Business</b>	09:41	no new business to report this month	
<b>8. Public Participation</b>	09:41	<p><b>Dolores Archuleta</b> Chair of the Veterans Memorial Wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advice to encourage more people to visit Veterans Park.</li> </ul> <p><b>Bill Hawkins,</b> Veterans Parade Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comment that the Veteran’s Parade was very successful this year.</li> <li>- For next parade the planning meeting will start between May – June 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>Don Armstrong</b> Home Based Primary Care Medical Foster Home Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They offered lunch during the holidays for those veterans who couldn’t make it to the CBOC.</li> </ul> <p><b>Adrian Gonzalez</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Would like to have a memorial bench with placard for daughter.</li> <li>- Will rescheduled and be added to the agenda for next meeting in January 2023 to discuss alternative options.</li> </ul> <p><b>Larry Nichols,</b> Community Development Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>	Read into record

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