

SUMMARY MINUTES

**Veteran's Advisory Board Meeting
APRIL 15, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING**

A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair

B. ROLL CALL The following Board Members were found to be present:

Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair
Ana Barbosa
Stanley Bostic
Gloria Drago
Lisa Dunkley
Kenton Isackson
Stanley Leibowitz
Eshia McLymont
Robert Passarelli
Norman Rothfeld
Loretta Young

Emilie Smith, Assistant City Manager
Officer David Forteza – Liaison for the City of Sunrise
Police Department (City of Sunrise employee)
Juliana Castro, Board Secretary

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. ADOPTION OF CMT RULES AND PROCEDURES

Emilie explained the Communications Media Technology (CMT) rules. Motion was made and carried to approve the Communications Media Technology Rules. Stanley Bostic made a motion & Stanley Leibowitz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Emilie Smith opened the floor for nominations for selection of Chair & Vice Chair.

Stanley Leibowitz nominated Thaddeus Hamilton for Chair. It was seconded by Robert Passarelli. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Passarelli nominated Stanley Leibowitz for Vice Chair. It was seconded by Stanley Bostic. Motion passed unanimously.

F. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

None

G. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20, 2020 MINUTES

Chair Hamilton asked for a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 minutes, motion made by Member Ana Barbosa and was seconded by Member Gloria Drago. Motion passed unanimously.

H. OLD BUSINESS

Emilie gave update on the Veteran's Park. The project is moving along, it looks ready from the outside, but there are some quality issues. Park can't be opened right now.

The Senior Center will be opened in approximately 45 days. It has a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (CO).

Emilie gave update on the City's reopening. It will start the reopening transition by mid-May, bringing employees and reopening City's facilities. By mid-June the City should be fully reopened. The City is planning a 4th of July event and is also offering Summer Camp.

Liaisons to other Boards: In the last meeting, Chair Hamilton volunteered to be the liaison for the Small Business Advisory Board. Member Barbosa volunteered to be the liaison for the Economic Development Advisory Board. Member Gloria Drago volunteered to be the liaison for the Leisure Services Advisory Board. In this meeting, Lisa Dunkley volunteered to be the liaison for the Cultural Affairs Board. Emilie will send the schedule of all of the City's Board Meetings to the Board Members.

Small Business Advisory Board – Liaison Thaddeus Hamilton
Economic Development Advisory Board – Liaison Ana Barbosa

Leisure Services Advisory Board – Liaison Gloria Drago
Cultural Affairs Advisory Board – Liaison Lisa Dunkley

Other Boards

Affordable Housing Advisory Board – meets quarterly
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board – 2nd Thursday at 6:00 pm
Education Advisory Board – 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Law Enforcement Review and Advisory Board – 1st Monday ay 6:00 pm
Planning and Zoning Board – 1st Thursday at 6:00 pm
Social Services Advisory Board – 1st Tuesday at 4:00 pm
Sustainability Advisory Board – 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 pm
Historical Commission – 2nd Monday at 4:00 pm

I. NEW BUSINESS

Each board member introduced themselves and welcomes the new appointees.

Chair Hamilton inquired about Memorial Day and Emilie explained that the City is planning to do a modified event outside.

Kenton Isackson shared information about Veteran Beth Charlton that suffered a motorcycle accident. Invited members of the board to participate in a Motorcycle Benefit Ride starting from Alligator Alley on April 24th at 11am. Mayor Ryan will be present. He also asked Emilie to share the GoFundMe link with Board Members.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/beth-charlton>

J. ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2021

Chair Hamilton stated that he would provide the Annual Goals and Objectives to Emilie to send to the Board.

K. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Kenton Isackson shared Fort Lauderdale Hog Turkey Toss information. Shane Fogleman from Fort Lauderdale Hog will be invited to the next VAB meeting.

Emilie explained that the City also provides Turkey Baskets around Thanksgiving for families in need.

Lisa Dunkley asked if there's a way for the City to have data of Veterans Database.

Chair Hamilton explained we couldn't do it in the past, because of confidentiality and Public Record policies. Emilie explained that anything the City does is Public record.

Thaddeus will add Loretta's Veteran's Voluntary List recommendation to the next board meeting minutes.

L. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021

M. ADJOURNMENT

Gloria Drago made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Kenton Isackson. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 6:29 pm.

Transcribed by: Juliana Castro, Board Secretary/ *Juliana Castro*

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. F.S.S. 286.0105.