

SUMMARY MINUTES

Veterans Advisory Board Meeting April 21, 2022 – 5:30 P.M. Flamingo Park Meeting Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Stanley Leibowitz, at 5:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair – **Absent Excused**
Ana Barbosa – **Absent Not Excused**
Stanley Bostic – **Absent Excused**
Lisa Dunkley
Kenton Isackson
Robert Latimer
Stanley Leibowitz
Eshia McLymont
Norman Rothfeld
Lance Dickman
Loretta Young

Emilie Smith – Deputy City Manager
Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Support IV

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

E. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2022 MINUTES

Member Leibowitz asked for a motion to approve the February 17, 2022 minutes, a motion was made by Member Young and was seconded by Member Dickman, and the Board approved unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Memo for Memorial Program at Veterans Park

Emilie provided an update. The City is not going to sell the bricks for the “Memorial Brick Program” before the Veterans Park grand opening.

Emilie informed the Board that they need to consider how long the City will be responsible for maintaining the bricks after they are purchased. Emilie will look into other cities brick program regarding the language used to determine how long the city is responsible for maintaining the brick.

Member Isackson also expressed his concern that the name of the Program includes “Memorial” but we are also going to allow living Veterans to be honored at the park. Emilie explained that the Board can make the decision to change the name of the Memorial Brick Program since it has not been officially adopted at this time. The Board decided to put the topic on the next agenda for discussion.

G. NEW BUSINESS

a. Veterans Resource website link review

The Board reviewed the Veterans Resources spreadsheet and provided their feedback. For further revisions, please email Stephanie at Stjoseph@sunrisefl.gov.

Each Board member was assigned a section to call and verify that the phone number and information is accurate.

Crisis/Hotline – Emilie & Stephanie

Locate Military Records – Member Dickman

VA Benefits and Healthcare – Member McLymont

Veterans Benefits Cemetery/Burial Information – Member Dickman

Education, Training, Employment & Business Assistance – Member Rothfeld

Local Veteran Service Organizations and programs – Member Dunkley

Recreational Activities for Veterans – Member Isackson

Veterans Transportation - Member Isackson

Veterans Financial Resource - Member Leibowitz

Other Department and Agencies – Member Latimer

H. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION

Member Young expressed her concerns regarding meeting cancellations. Emilie advised the Board to please inform her or Stephanie ahead of time if they will not be in attendance. At least six Board Members must be present to hold a meeting.

Member Latimer provided information for the fundraiser taking place on May 15th, 2022 from 5 PM – 10 PM. The money raised will be going to Honor Flight Network, Paralyzed Veterans of America and Big Heart Children's Foundation.

Member Dunkley provided information on the Women's of Veterans event. Member Dunkley will invite a speaker to the next Board meeting to provide additional information.

Member Dickman introduced himself to the Board, and provided information on the American Legion Post 365 meeting which will recognize the Firefighter and Police Officer of the year. Date: April 26, 2022 Time: 7 PM Location: Senior Center.

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022

Location: Flamingo Park Meeting Hall
Address: 12855 NW 8th Street

J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:20 P.M.

Meeting was adjourned by Member Leibowitz. Member Latimer made a motion and Member Dickman seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

Transcribed by: Stephanie Joseph, Board Secretary/ *Stephanie Joseph*

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.