

## SUMMARY MINUTES

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

**A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair, at 5:30 P.M.**

**B. ROLL CALL**

Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair

Ana Barbosa – **Excused Absent**

Stanley Bostic – **Excused Absent**

Lisa Dunkley

Kenton Isackson

Robert Latimer

Stanley Leibowitz

Eshia McLymont

Norman Rothfeld – **Absent Unexcused**

Lance Dickman

Loretta Young – **Excused Absent**

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 JUNE 16, 2022 MINUTES**

Member Hamilton asked for a motion to approve the June 16, 2022 minutes, a motion was made by Member Leibowitz and was seconded by Member Dickman, and the Board approved unanimously.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** Member Thaddeus provided positive feedback for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He encouraged the Board to participate next year. Member Latimer requested that the Board participation notice be sent out earlier in advance.

**Veterans Park Update:** There is no progress update for Veterans Park. The City recently engaged with a new contractor to complete Welleby Park and it is hoped that the same process would take place for Veterans park; however, this process would take time to complete. Emilie reminded the Board that the Veterans Day Ceremony is still planned for the Amphitheatre and that Veterans Park was not designed for special events. The City will be hosting the Re-Grand Opening for Welleby Park on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Veterans Day:** Member Isackson explained the Spie rigging demonstration that he is requesting for the Veterans Day ceremony. Member Isackson inquired about the Veterans day event being moved to another Park to be able to hold the demonstration. Member Isackson will send Emilie the information to be reviewed by the Risk Management department.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Presentation by Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, U.S. House of Representatives (Charisma Adams presented)**

Charisma Adams (Director of Economic Development) introduced herself to the Board and provided information regarding Veterans affairs which is focused on health, housing, education, and employment benefits.

Nineteen bipartisan bills were recently passed that will support female veterans. This will include access to breast cancer screening and improve the claims process for survivors of military sexual trauma.

Member Dunkley inquired about how the information is being distributed to the Veterans. Ms. Adams explained that the information is given to the organizations that receive the funding. It is the organizations job to relay the information to the public. Member Dunkley suggested to host a meeting in a Town Hall setting for Veterans to receive the information. Member Isackson suggested to send information out via mail.

Ms. Adams encouraged the Board to reach out to Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick regarding federal related service issues.

Ms. Adams provided Information regarding the mobile office where Congressional caseworkers can visit events on site to assist with all matters, questions, and concerns for large events.

b. Dr. Barbara Sharief discussed the concept of potentially opening a Veterans Family and Health Service Clinic and asked for the Boards input. She also discussed other Veterans affairs that she was familiar with.

**H. BOARD MEMBERS DISCUSSION**

Member Latimer inquired about political groups for young's students to join. Member Hamilton suggested to connect with local Congress.

**I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022**

Location: City Commission Chamber  
Address: 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard

**J. ADJOURNMENT AT 7:11 P.M.**

Member Leibowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Dickman seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously. Meeting was adjourned by Chair Hamilton.

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.