

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### **Veterans Advisory Board Meeting July 20, 2023 – 5:30 P.M. City Hall – Commission Chamber**

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

**B. ROLL CALL**

Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair  
Brenda Covin Senior  
Stanley Bostic  
Mark Shultz  
Kenton Isackson  
Robert Latimer  
Stanley Leibowitz  
Eshia McLymont – **Absent Excused**  
Norman Rothfeld  
Lance Dickman  
Loretta Young – **Absent Excused**

Emilie Smith – Deputy City Manager  
Officer David Forteza – Liaison for the City of Sunrise  
Police Department

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**D. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

**E. APPROVAL OF JUNE 15, 2023 MINUTES**

Chair Hamilton asked for a motion to approve the June 15, 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Member Bostic and was seconded by Member Leibowitz, and the Board approved unanimously.

**F. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Former Chief Rosa Veteran's Appreciation letter**

Emilie suggested moving this item to the next meeting for all Board members to sign.

4th of July Parade - Member Hamilton shared with the Board that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Veterans Park Update – Emilie explained that the city is close to receiving the bids for the park. Once the bids are complete, the City Commission will award the new contractor and work will begin on the park. The Brick paver program will be completed closer to the completion of the park, but the Board can revisit it.

## **G. NEW BUSINESS**

Member Isackson shared his experience regarding the Veterans Affairs (VA). Member Isackson's experience was not great and other board members shared their experiences as well.

Member Rothfeld believes the VA is not funded properly and is very understaffed. Member Rothfeld suggested that neighboring cities collaborate to effectively address these issues.

The Board requested to invite Congresswoman Cherfilus-McCormick to attend a future Advisory Board meeting to discuss the need for additional resources for local veterans, related to the provision of medical care and homelessness.

Member Isackson suggested inviting a member from the VA to attend a future meeting. Emilie suggested that Member McLymont recommend the best person to invite to a future meeting to discuss concerns and address Board member issues since she works there.

## **H. BOARD MEMBER'S DISCUSSION**

Member Hamilton provided information regarding the Art Serve Center Exhibition. This event will be taking place from July 21 – September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Member Hamilton will be working with the program to help set up the Tuskegee Airmen. Member Hamilton encouraged all Board members to stop by the exhibition.

## **I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**

Location: Everglades Room (**New City Hall**)  
Address: 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard

## **J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:15 P.M.**

Member Leibowitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Kenton seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission concerning any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and, 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.