

SUMMARY MINUTES

**Veterans Advisory Board Meeting
January 18, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall – Everglades Room**

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

B. ROLL CALL

Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair
Brenda Covin Senior – **Absent Not Excused**
Stanley Bostic – **Absent Excused**
Mark Shultz
Kenton Isackson
Robert Latimer
Eshia McLymont
Norman Rothfeld
Lance Dickman
Loretta Young
Bruno Condron

Emilie Smith – Deputy City Manager
Juliana Castro – Administrative Officer II
Officer David Foster

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. SWEARING IN BY CITY CLERK’S OFFICE

Meryl Girard (Assistant City Clerk) conducted the swearing-in for all present Board Members. Meryl reminded the Board to inform the Liaison or Secretary regarding attendance. If a Board Member has three unexcused absences, the member will be automatically removed from the Board.

E. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Member Isackson made a motion to nominate Member Thaddeus as Chair and Member Dickman seconded. There was no opposition from the board.

Member Dickman made a motion to nominate Member Young as Vice-Chair and Member Isackson seconded. Member Young declined.

Member Isackson made a motion to nominate Member Latimer as Vice-Chair and Member Hamilton seconded. There was no opposition from the board.

F. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

G. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 21, 2023 MINUTES

Member Hamilton made a motion to correct item E as “Chair Hamilton” instead of “Vice-Chair Leibowitz”, a motion was made by Member Isackson and seconded by Member Dickman.

Member Hamilton asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2023 minutes, a motion was made by Member Isackson and was seconded by Member Shultz and the Board approved unanimously.

H. OLD BUSINESS

a. Police Department Thank You Letter – Signatures

Emilie passed around the Police Department Thank You letter for all Board members to sign.

b. Veterans Park Update

Member Hamilton inquired about Veterans Park. Emilie explained that the new contractor is working on reconstructing the playground surface area.

I. NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024 Meeting Dates

Each Board member received a copy of the 2024 meeting dates. There was no discussion.

b. City Surveys

Emilie handed out the Imagine Sunrise 2041 Community Survey and Sunrise Public Art Survey. The Imagine Sunrise 2041 Visioning Session will be taking place on Thursday, January 25, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Nob Hill Soccer Club Park meeting hall (10200 Sunset Strip).

J. BOARD MEMBER'S DISCUSSION

Member McLymont informed the Board that COVID-19 is on the rise in the community and encouraged everyone to be mindful.

Member Thaddeus reminded everyone of the City Hall Grand-Opening event. Emilie provided a few details. This free event will feature a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 10:30 am, giveaways for the first 500 attendees, light refreshments, and opportunities for hosted and self-guided tours.

Member Isackson inquired about finding local elderly veterans who may need assistance. Emilie explained that it would have to be done outside of the Advisory Board because all Board meetings are required to be held at city facilities. Emilie explained that Member Isackson can start a program to help, and Board members can volunteer for the program. Emilie stated that if Member Isackson starts a program, he can share the information with the Board.

Chair Hamilton partnered with the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to assist with the environmental beautification of Sunland Park Academy. Phase one consisted of cleaning up the surrounding area, phase two was creating a butterfly garden, and phase three will be creating a vegetable garden. Chair Hamilton will share photos at the next meeting.

Member Isackson shared the Veterans Trust Car Show event taking place on Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 10 am – 1 pm. Please use the link below to register a car if you are interested in participating in the event.

www.veteranstrust.org.

Member Young shared the American Legion Dorchester Four Chaplains event taking place, on Sunday, January 28, 2024, located at NSU at 2 pm.

Member Eisha informed the Board about the Veterans Affairs women's health program to help pay for In Vitro. Member Eisha encouraged the Board to share the information.

K. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Location: Everglades Meeting Room **(City Hall)**

Address: 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard

L. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:06 P.M.

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

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

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.