

SUMMARY MINUTES

**Veterans Advisory Board Meeting
February 15, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
City Hall – Everglades Room**

- A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair, at 5:37 P.M.**
- B. ROLL CALL** Thaddeus Hamilton, Chair (Arrived at 5:37 PM)
Brenda Covin Senior
Stanley Bostic – **Absent Excused**
Kenton Isackson – **Absent Excused**
Robert Latimer
Eshia McLymont – **Absent Not Excused**
Norman Rothfeld
Lance Dickman
Loretta Young
Bruno Condron
Justin Wells

Emilie Smith – Deputy City Manager
Stephanie Joseph – Administrative Assistant I

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

E. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 18, 2024 MINUTES

Member Hamilton asked for a motion to approve the January 18, 2024 minutes, a motion was made by Member Latimer and was seconded by Member Dickman and the Board approved unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

a. Veterans Park Update

Emilie shared that the new contractor discovered additional work that needed to be done and is working diligently to have these issues resolved. The contractor will be replacing the playground surface and is currently working through irrigation issues. Emilie also shared that the park was designed as a boundless playground

to include children of all abilities with wheelchair accessibility.

b. City Hall Grand Opening

The Board shared great feedback about the City Hall Grand Opening event. Attendees were able to receive a guided tour around the building and take home memorabilia items.

G. NEW BUSINESS

a. Strategic Plan Survey

The Board received a Strategic Plan survey flyer. Emilie encouraged the Board to complete the Survey and spread the word by handing out flyers.

b. Chief of Police Swearing in Ceremony

Emilie informed the Board about the Chief of Police Swearing-in Ceremony. The event will be taking place at the Faith Center on Monday, February 19, 2024, at 9 am.

Emilie suggested that the Board discuss potential VAB projects for the 2024 term. The Board will further discuss and brainstorm projects at the March meeting.

H. BOARD MEMBER'S DISCUSSION

Chair Hamilton shared with the Board that he will be honored at the ArtServe Impact Awards on April 19, 2024. Chair Hamilton encouraged the Board to register and attend the event.

Chair Hamilton informed the Board that Captain Barrington Irving will be honored on February 21, 2024, at the Frost Science Museum for being the youngest person ever to fly solo around the world.

Emilie suggested that the Board write a Thank You letter to Fred Perkins for providing military vehicles to the Veterans Day Ceremony. Member Young made a motion for Member Isackson to write the Thank you letter to Mr. Perkins. Member Senior seconded the motion.

Member Wells inquired about annual events that the Board attends and Board expectations. Emilie explained that the primary goal is to help Veterans in the

community by reaching out to different organizations and gathering information to spread into the community. Emilie also shared a few Veterans-related events such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day Ceremony, and the 911 ceremony.

The Board briefly discussed the Honor Flight trip and Member Latimer shared his experience.

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

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

Address: 10770 West Oakland Park Boulevard

J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:31 P.M.

Member Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member Latimer 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.