

SUMMARY MINUTES

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

A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Robert Latimer at 5:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Thaddeus Hamilton - Absent (Not Excused)
Brenda Covin Senior
Kenton Isackson
Robert Latimer
Eshia McLymont - Absent (Excused)
Norman Rothfeld
Lance Dickman
Loretta Young - Absent (Excused)
Bruno Condron
Justin Wells
Charmaine Rolle

Emilie Smith - Deputy City Manager
Juliana Castro - Administrative Officer II
Lisa R. Brown - Administrative Assistant I

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

D. OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Weston Deputy Sheriff's Officer Barry Barnes introduced himself. He is a member of the American Legion, a VSO and a neighbor of Board Member Lance Dickman.

E. APPROVAL OF JUNE 27, 2024 MINUTES

Member Latimer requested a motion to approve the June 27, 2024 minutes. Motion was made by Board Member Condron and was seconded by Member Wells. The Board approved unanimously.

F. OLD BUSINESS

Board Liaison Smith congratulated The Board on The Most Patriotic Award from the Sunrise City Commission for their participation in the July 4th Parade. She informed The Board that the trophy would be kept in The City Manager's Office. The Board expressed their collective enjoyment and pride in the parade. The Board thanked Member Isackson for procuring the Humvee's. Member Isackson promised to make sure to make an even grander statement next year.

Member Dickman read the Stephanie Joseph Thank You Letter aloud to the Board for approval. Approval was unanimous and each member present signed.

G. NEW BUSINESS

a. Veterans' Memorial Park Grand Opening

Liaison Smith provided a tentative timeline on the opening of Veterans' Memorial Park. She informed The Board that the park is expected to be completed soon with a soft opening in August, and a grand opening event tentatively scheduled for October 5th. Liaison Smith then opened the floor to suggestions for the official ribbon-cutting ceremonies. The Board suggested that an American Legion Color Guard and a military drill team be included. Liaison Smith stated that there could be a wreath laying ceremony. The Board agreed and suggested that an Honor Guard present the wreaths. Member Wells asked if City/State representatives, Congresspeople and First Responder groups would be attending. Liaison Smith informed The Board that her office would be coordinating with leadership and handling invitations/RSVP's. Member Isackson informed the board that if there was room for a display, that he would work on securing the Project 425 Huey Helicopter for the event (<https://www.gandmranch.net/project425>) along with other vehicles during the ceremony. Liaison Smith informed The Board that there would be a barbeque, possibly by Mission BBQ. Member Dickson asked if live music was an option. Liaison Smith informed the board that there would be a DJ with a musical component. Liaison Smith informed The Board that there would be commemorative giveaways, including the Sunrise Loves our

Veterans shirts, and asked the Board for other suggestions. The Board agreed that they would also like to have coins. Members Rothfeld and Dickman requested additional information about logistics – specifically parking and the possibility of shuttles.

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:41 P.M.

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

Transcribed by: Lisa R. Brown, Board Secretary/ Lisa R. Brown

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

