



SUMMARY MINUTES

VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

August 15, 2024 - 5:30 P.M.

City Hall - Everglades Room

A. CALL TO ORDER BY: Kenton Isackson, Acting Chair at 5:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL

Chair Thaddeus Hamilton - Absent (Excused)
Brenda Covin Senior
Kenton Isackson
Robert Latimer - Absent (Excused)
Eshia McLymont
Norman Rothfeld
Lance Dickman
Loretta Young
Bruno Condron
Justin Wells - Absent (Excused)
Charmaine Rolle

Officer Dave Forteza
Emilie Smith - Deputy City Manager
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 JULY 18, 2024 MINUTES

Moved by Member Isackson. Seconded by Member McLymont. Board unanimously approved.

F. OLD BUSINESS

a. Veterans Park Grand Opening Discussion

Liaison Emilie Smith stated that the park received a certificate of occupancy (CO). The soft opening is scheduled for August 30th and the Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th at 9:00 am. Liaison Smith stated that the City would be publicizing the event through the City Website, Social Media, email lists and Horizon's magazine. She encouraged The Board to share the event with friends, family and other Veterans organizations. The Grand Opening plans include a barbeque, guest speakers, giveaways including commemorative challenge coins and t-shirts for first 200 attendees. The VAB will have a booth and the Memorial Brick Program information will be available starting at the Grand Opening, pending approval at the City Commission Meeting. Liaison Smith informed The Board that the City is requesting to park at the Faith Center on the day of the event.

Member Condrone asked if Memorial Day events will be held at Veterans Park. Liaison Smith informed him that there will be events at the park, but the City's Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations will be held at other City locations because Veterans Park is not large enough for our big events.

b. Veterans Park Brick Program:

Liaison Smith informed the Board that her team is finalizing the production details of the bricks and will bring the program to The City Commission for approval in the coming weeks. Member McLymont volunteered to notify the VA about the Brick Program and the Grand Opening of the park, and Liaison Smith offered to provide her with flyers detailing both.

G. NEW BUSINESS

Member Isackson informed the board that he has been working with Kristin Soto at Harley Davidson (Marketing@alligatoralleyharley.com) regarding continued sponsorship of the Veterans breakfast for Veterans Day. He expressed concerns about publicity for the event – pointing out low attendance at last year's event. Kenton would like for Liaison Smith to reach out to Kristin and arrange for her to attend the next VAB meeting to speak to the board about the event and ways to market and publicize.

H. BOARD MEMBER'S DISCUSSION

I. NEXT BOARD MEETING: Thursday, September 19, 2024

J. ADJOURNMENT AT 6:39 P.M.

Member Isackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Member McLymont seconded the motion. The Board approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 pm.

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.