

February 23, 2022
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting of the Veterans Affairs Committee will be held on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Ballroom at the Tamarac Community Center, 8601 W. Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, Florida.

AGENDA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
 - c. Approval of minutes of 02/9/22

2. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Sub-Committee reports

3. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Chair election

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - a. Any other business as may come before the Committee
 - b. Public Participation
 - c. Questions and answers
 - d. Next meeting date: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wed., May 11th, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the Coconut/Palm room at the Tamarac Community Center, 8601 W Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, FL.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

All Board members are urged to attend this meeting. All meetings are open to the public. Any Board member who can not attend this meeting should call the City Clerk's Office at (954) 597-3505.

In the event there is no quorum for this meeting, the meeting may be held as a Workshop instead of a Regular Meeting. Although no formal action can be taken at a Workshop, discussion may be held.

Pursuant to Chapter 286.0105, Florida Statutes, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Veterans Affairs Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, 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 based.

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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 9, 2022
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in the Ballroom at the Tamarac Community Center.

b. Pledge of Allegiance: Done.

c. Roll Call:

PRESENT: Adriane Reeseey
Herbert Daley
Bud Borner
Alan Cohen
Willie Johnson
Brian Haywood
Jesus Rivera
Peter Busacca
Will Rodriguez

ABSENT: Jay Koutcher
Claudia Brantley
Dominic Gray
James Griffin
Joseph Lanouette
Laura Sierra
Stanley Pannaman

ALSO PRESENT: Greg Warner, Director of Parks and Recreation
Mr. Paul Moore
Mr. Ishman Davis
Germania Roman, Adm. Coordinator

d. Approval of minutes of 10/13/21 – Mr. Busacca moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

2. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Warner started the meeting by telling the Board members how successful the Veterans Ceremony was on November 11th. Mr. Warner asked the members if they have any feedback. Mr. Busacca and Mr. Johnson were able to attend the ceremony and they stated it was very well organized and they were happy to be there.

Mr. Warner went over the proposed goals and objectives:

1. Create Access to Veterans Resources:
 - a. Add resources to City Mobile application
 - b. Provide virtual services
 - c. Provide Link on Website of FAQ for Veterans

2. Build Community Presence of Committee
 - a. Attendance at Special Events
 - b. Distribute useful information
3. Acknowledge our Veterans as an Important Part of the Community.
 - a. Veterans Gaming Competition and other events to engage younger veterans
 - b. Veterans Welcome Packet for New Residents.
 - c. Designated Veterans Parking Spaces at Certain City Facilities.

Mr. Warner said the signs will be placed next weekend at the Tamarac Community Center, Tamarac Recreation Center, City Hall and the Aquatic Center.

Mr. Borner asked for a sign to be placed at the Tamarac Sports Complex and Mr. Warner said it will be evaluated as the parking is limited in that location.

Mr. Rivera asked how to reinforce that Veterans park "only" in their assigned spots? Mr. Warner responded that there was no way to do it as it is a matter of honor and hope people respect that.

Ms. Reeseey said it would be great to reach out to business and create a newsletter in order for them to advertise their business and to also have a sign, it would be beneficiary for them as well.

Dr. Reeser suggested to have the newsletter generated online for people to look at it and to have a Veteran of the Month.

Mr. Johnson asked if he could send some information that could be shared to Mr. Warner for his review. Mr. Warner responded it was ok.

Mr. Warner said the idea of putting the information about Veterans online on the City webpage is great and he suggested to create a subcommittee to gather the information and put it together.

Ms. Reeseey and Mr. Rivera said they were available to be part of a subcommittee. Mr. Johnson also said he would like to be part of the subcommittee. They all agreed to work together.

Mr. Warner said he will contact the Information Technology Department to get started with the link.

All the members agreed to the creation of the informational link in the City of Tamarac webpage to be priority number one.

ALL VOTED AYE

Mr. Warner mentioned goal #2 and asked the members if they would like to create another subcommittee. Mr. Johnson said he would like to come up with ideas for the welcome package, Mr. Daley and Mr. Davis would also like to collaborate.

Dr. Reeseey asked the members of the Board the timeline for the information to be put together?

Mr. Cohen suggested to have it ready by next meeting.

Mr. Warner said the goal would be to have it in place for Memorial Day and then present it in one of the Commission meeting.

Dr. Reeseey asked if Veterans could go to Tamarac local schools to provide information to the students about their experience in the military and the importance of their service. Mr. Warner said no, the Veterans have not gone to the schools to provide information, but he will email the Schools Principals to ask if it's possible to do so.

Mr. Haywood said he will be interested in helping with the gaming competition and will contact some of the Parks and Recreation staff regarding e-sports.

Mr. Rivera asked about the City activities for Black History Month? Mr. Warner responded that Black History Month celebration will be held on February 26th from 1 pm to 3 pm at Caporella Park, 5200 Prospect Road.

The Black History Month event will have art displays, food vendors, Live Jazz music by EJ & Company, Poetry by Rebecca Butterfly Vaughn and a Performance by Delaou African Dance Ensemble. Shuttle will be provided from the Christian Church Life Center.

3. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Warner reminded to the members of the Board that the election of a new Chair is needed and suggested to the members to nominate candidates.

Mr. Warner said anyone is interested in the position to let him know and email him a little bio and why do they would want to become a Chair.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Borner asked if the members of the Board would be able to distribute some information to the community during City events and if they can have a tent provided. Mr. Warner said yes, it will be accommodated.

Ms. Reese said it would be a good idea to provide some information about a free annual pass for the Current Military members, US Military veterans, to any National Parks and Federal Recreational Land.

Mr. Borner made the announcement that he was elected the new Veterans President of the Kings Point Community. Everybody congratulated him.

Mr. Rivera made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Reese and Mr. Boner

ALL VOTED AYE

OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Any other business may come before the Committee – Discussion held above.
- b. Public Participation – Discussion held above.
- c. Questions and answers
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With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approx. 10:55 a.m.