



**MAYOR'S VETERANS COMMISSION
MINUTES**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2022
9:00 AM**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
202 S. PLEASANT STREET
PRESCOTT, AZ 86303
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Minutes of the Mayor's Veterans Commission held on April 6, 2022 at The American Legion, 202 S. Pleasant Street, Prescott, Arizona.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM

2. ROLL CALL

Pat Kuykendall
Josh Hormor
Jenn Zimmerman
Mayor Phil Goode

Absent
Michelle Stacy-Schroeder

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2022

Pat Kuykendall moved to approve the minutes from March 2, 2022, seconded by Jenn Zimmerman; Passed unanimously.

B. Discuss plan for vacant commission positions

Item tabled.

C. Veterans service provider roundtable discussion

- Introductions
- Thank you U.S.VETS for donating breakfast
- The American Legion is looking for new members
- Goal of the commission is to coordinate resources more effectively for our Veterans
- Primary issues/concerns for Veterans
 - Housing – there is no affordable housing.
 - Difficulty searching for affordable vacant land to have manufactured homes for Veterans
 - Zoning restrictions from the City
 - Transportation is also an issue for the quad city area.
 - Veterans with behavioral and suicidal tendencies

- Not having an inclusive list of resources
- We need to educate the community more on programs, example Stop, Drop & Push provides financial assistance for Veterans to utilize transportation, get food, and assistance for appointments.
- We need to focus on removing the stigma about Veterans. They do not all have issues, there are a lot of successful Veterans in this community.
- Solutions/Action Plans
 - Assess if the City needs to modify the zoning restrictions – the Mayor will discuss this week at his meeting with other Mayor's and City Managers
 - Veteran Villas in Kingman – look into similar program
 - Educate the public about events and resources
 - Collaborate with Mayor's on Veteran resources
 - Create an initiative to end Veteran homelessness
 - Rental rates need to be lowered for Veterans
 - Promote quarterly newsletter
 - Include success stories
- Success stories

D. Announcements

- May 2nd Quarterly Business Mixer, Gurley Street Grill
- May 14th Cruise-In for Veterans, Prescott Gateway Mall

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Jenn Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 11:03am; seconded by Pat Kuykendall; passes unanimously.



Melissa Fousek, Commission Secretary

ATTEST:



Patrick Kuykendall, Chairperson