



**Minutes
Tempe Veteran's Commission
February 2, 2016**

Minutes for the Tempe Veteran's Commission Meeting held on February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM at the Tempe Public Library Board Room, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Commission Members Present

Keith Finkle, Chair
Michelle Bravo, Vice-Chair
Scott Essex, Secretary
Mario Aguirre
Bryan Durham
Troy Friedman
Dale Groen
Patricia Little-Uptah
Michelle Lopusky (telephonically)
David Lucier
Laura Skotnicki (telephonically)

Staff Present

Robin Arredondo-Savage, Councilwoman
Naomi Farrell, Human Services Director
Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director
Marie Chapple Camacho, Public Information Officer

Item 1 – Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 PM

Item 2 – Public Appearances – None Present

Item 3 – Review of January 5, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Chair Keith Finkle to approve minutes; second by Commission Member Patricia Little-Uptah. Motion passed unanimously

Item 4 – East Valley Stand Up Update – Troy Friedman & Michelle Bravo

- Upcoming meeting in two weeks
- Several organizations have expressed interests in participating
- What kind of data are we looking for and how do we measure it?
 - Include more questions in pre-registration
 - How did you hear about the event?
 - What are the top three booths that attracted you here?
 - What is your zip code
 - Surveys

- Did we meet your needs?
- Identify participant motivation to attend
- Goodwill is willing to assist in data capture
 - Tailor ten questions
 - Each station can scan a wristband to track services being utilized
- On track to April 2, 2016 date
 - Extend invite to Mayor
 - Councilwoman Robin Arredondo-Savage will reach out to surrounding cities Council Members to invite
 - Send contact information to Vice-Chair Michelle Bravo of individuals the Commission would like to invite
- Official event name – Stand For Veterans

Item 5 – Housing Project Update

- Partnering with Save the Family and Citizens Advisory Group
- Upcoming hearings
- Possibly breaking ground this summer
- Link updates to website and include in future minutes

Item 6 – Subcommittee Guidelines Update

- Subcommittees must follow open meeting laws
- Must be staffed
- Utilize staff expertise rather than creating subcommittees

Item 7 – 2016 City Council Presentation

- Presentation will be distributed to Commission
- Highlight businesses who have completed navigator training and businesses that are in the process of completing the training

Item 8 – Wellness Presentation – Patricia Little-Uptah & Mario Aguirre

- Care 7 Crisis Response Team – open to presenting to Commission
 - As a Commission, find ways to support them
 - What does that look like?
- In existence for eighteen (18) years
- Originally partnered with 911
- On call 24/7
- Mandatory that they respond to:
 - Fire
 - Drowning
 - Gunshot wounds
 - Extradition car accidents
- Victim Advocacy
- Case Management
 - Long term case management follow-up
- Community Counseling
- High School Prevention Counseling
- Threat Assessment
- ASU Internship site
- Work closely with East Valley Veteran Center
- Work with Tempe Veterans Court
- Not specific to Veterans
- I-HELP
 - Overnight shelter program

- Emergency basis
- Priorities:
 - Eviction prevention
 - Crisis Housing
 - Employment navigation
 - Female Veterans – Childcare
- La Frontera
 - Rally Point
- Rally Point Professional Military Network
 - Employment service provider
- Save the Family
- Stand for Veterans Event
- Disabled American Veterans
- Maricopa Workforce Connections
- Department of Economic Security
- Tempe Community Action Agency

Item 9 – Website Update – Marie Chapple Camacho, Human Services Public Information Officer

- www.tempe.gov/veterans
- Suggested items will be discussed as a Commission

Item 10 – Suggested Items for Future Agenda

- Stand for Veterans Update
- Bridge Housing
- Veterans Childcare Issues
- 2016 City Council PowerPoint
- Event planning for Veterans Supportive Businesses
- Operation Welcome Home
- Military Veterans Women’s Expo

Item 11 – Commission Member Announcements

Item 12 – Next Meeting – March 1, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Item 13 – Adjournment

Next meeting to be held on March 1, 2016, Tempe Library Board Room, at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

Minutes prepared by: Valerie Kime Trujillo/Melissa Placencia
 Reviewed by: Naomi Farrell

Keith Finkle,
 Chair, Tempe Veterans Commission