



**Minutes
Tempe Veteran's Commission
May 3, 2016**

Minutes for the Tempe Veteran's Commission Meeting held on May 3, 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
Scott Essex, Secretary
Mario Aguirre
Troy Friedman (telephonically)
Dale Groen
Patricia Little-Upah
Michelle Loposky (telephonically)

Commission Members Absent

Michelle Bravo, Vice-Chair
Bryan Durham
David Lucier
Laura Skotnicki

Staff Present

Valerie Kime Trujillo, Human Services Deputy Director
Marie Chapple Camacho, Public Information Officer
Parrish Spisz, Council Aide
Kyle Brayer, Fire Captain – Medical Services

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

Item 2 – Public Appearances – Kyle Brayer, Fire Captain – Medical Services

Kyle Brayer informed the Commission the Fire Department has partnered with the Veterans Affairs Telemedicine Division to address two main goals:

1. Address 80 percent of Tempe Veterans not currently enrolled in Veterans Affairs healthcare and ensure they receive the long-term care needed
2. Address high-risk Veterans who are in need of immediate or long term treatment.

An algorithm was developed by Veterans Affairs Doctors that can identify an at-risk Veteran. The information will then be distributed to the Tempe Fire Department and two registered nurses will be dispatched out to complete a telemedicine at home visit.

Item 3 – Review of March 1, 2016 Minutes

Motion by Commission Member Patricia Little-Upah to approve minutes; second by Commission Member Dale Groen; Motion passed unanimously

Item 4 – Review of Mission Statement Possibilities

Chair Keith Finkle asked the Commission members to submit suggestions for mission statement. If no submissions received, Chairman Finkle will utilize the model used by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. Chairman Finkle feels the Commission shares similar goals with the Coalition. The Commission will follow-up with this item at the next meeting.

Item 5 – Follow-Up with the coalition on Tempe based businesses

Commission Member Mario Aguirre compiled a list of Tempe based businesses and businesses that have offices located in the City of Tempe all of which have completed the process to become a Veteran Friendly employer. In addition, a separate list will be compiled of businesses currently in the process of becoming a Veteran Friendly employer. Commission Member Mario Aguirre reported the Arizona Coalition for Military Families recently hired someone dedicated solely on the Arizona Supportive Employer piece. The Commission will reintroduce themselves to the Tempe Chamber of Commerce in an effort to create a partnership to recruit Tempe businesses in the future. The Commission will follow-up with this item at the next meeting.

Item 6 – Operation Welcome Home

The Commission has no update on this agenda item. Chair Keith Finkle will follow up with Council Member Arredondo-Savage.

Item 7 – Commission Member Announcements

- Community Salutes – May 9, 2016
 - 66 future Military Service Members attending
- Chair Keith Finkle is connecting with the Phoenix Veterans Commission
- Chair Keith Finkle is meeting with Social Services Manager Keith Burke about a Memorial Day Ceremony at Escalante Center
 - Donors for food and water needed
- Stand For Veterans Event – October 15, 2017
- Military Assistance Mission (MAM) is providing the East Valley Education Center with grant funds for Veteran Students to help with expenses while waiting for funding for post-9/11 bill
- Saturday, May 7, 2016 – Arizona State University Stole Family from 10:00 – 12:00
- Monday, May 9, 2016 – Graduation at Chase Stadium

Item 8 – Next Meeting – Suggestions

- Kyle Brayer, Fire Captain – Medical Services
- Review of Mission Statement Possibilities
- Identify Tempe based businesses
- Engage with Tempe Chamber of Commerce to execute partnership
- Stand Up Event
- Follow-Up with the coalition on Tempe based businesses
- Operation Welcome Home Presentation

Item 9 – Adjournment

Next meeting to be held on June 7, 2016, Tempe Library Board Room, at 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, Arizona 85282.

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Keith Finkle,
Chair, Tempe Veterans Commission