



## Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission April 5, 2022

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6:00 p.m., via In-person and Microsoft Teams.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Jeremy Farr, Chair  
Chantele Carr  
William "Bill" Blair  
Phillip Kraft  
Randy Elston  
Beno Thomas

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

Celia Sadhu  
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair

**Staff Present:**

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director

**Guest:**

Bill "Wildhorse" Wooster, Arizona Patriot Guard Riders  
Councilmember Doreen Garlid

**Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order**

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2 – Attendance**

**Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances-**

The Tempe Veterans Commission welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

#### **Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of March 1, 2022**

**MOTION: Motion to APPROVE March 1, 2022, minutes by Philip Kraft**

**SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Chantele Carr**

**AYES: Commission Members Randy Elston, William “Bill” Blair, Jeremy Farr, Chair, Beno Thomas, Chantele Carr, Phil Kraft**

#### **Agenda Item 5 – Chair’s Remarks**

#### **Agenda Item 6 – Introduction of newest Commission Member: Beno Thomas, ASU Pat Tillman Veterans Center**

#### **Agenda Item 7 – Arizona Patriot Guard Riders- Bill “Wildhorse” Wooster**

Mr. Wooster representing Arizona Patriot Guard Riders (APGR) to bring awareness of and emphasize their work to honor US military servicemembers and veterans. Primary mission is to stand flag lines for the funerals and military honors of the veterans. They also stand flag lines for the funerals of first responders and law enforcement. Secondary to Honor Missions is their HOTH program - Help on the Homefront. They are 100% volunteer run and donation-based organization. Their website has information to donate and to request their assistance. Networking is very important to them to ensure all servicemembers and veterans are supported in area of need. Jeremy- Please review resources on our website to make sure it’s all up to date.

#### **Agenda Item 8 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements**

Community Salutes is May 9, 2022 at Tempe Center for the Arts. Contact Parrish Spisz for more information.

Bill – no update. Randy – no update.

Beno – May 7<sup>th</sup> is the Pat Tillman Veterans Center honor ceremony for graduating veterans transitioning to the next part of their life.

Chantele – Maricopa Community Colleges veteran convocation is May 4<sup>th</sup> for all ten colleges at Phoenix College, she will submit event details in the chat box.

Doreen Garlid – Tempe Feed on Tuesdays at Jayce Park at 5pm will feed the homeless, approximately 300 people.

Need to get more info on available services to veterans as some are in attendance.

Jeremy - Tempe Sunrise Kiwanis Club – May 14<sup>th</sup> golf tournament to support children of Tempe schools.

City of Tempe moving forward with its Veteran’s Memorial the next phase is to nail down location and design.

#### **Agenda Item 9 – Future Agenda Items – May 3, 2022**

Agenda items for May – Hayden Flour mill redevelopment. Any suggestions, concerns, or comments for the next agenda, please reach out to Octavia.

#### **Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

**MOTION: Motion to adjourn by Commission Member William “Bill” Blair**

**SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Phillip Kraft**

**AYES: Randy Elston, Beno Thomas, Chantele Carr, Chair Jeremy Farr, Bill Blair, Phil Kraft**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.**

Next meeting will be on May 3, 2022

Minutes Prepared by: Danielle Palka

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

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Jeremy Farr, Chair  
Tempe Veterans Commission