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**City of Scottsdale**  
**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Notice and Minutes**

5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2022

Scottsdale Community Design Studio  
7506 E. Indian School Road Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:** Chair Steven Jackson, Vice Chair Land Anderson, Commissioners Mark Ashley, Patrick Mazzarella, Pete Palmer, Joel Stempil

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Andrew Edwards

**STAFF:** Kelly Corsette, Communications and Public Affairs Director

**1. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Chair Steven Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. Members present as listed above

**2. Public Comment**

No members of the public were present

**3. Discussion and possible action to approve Nov. 2, 2022, commission meeting minutes**

COMMISSIONER STEMPIL MOVED TO APPROVE THE NOV. 2, 2022, VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER MAZZARELLA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR JACKSON, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONERS ASHLEY, MAZZARELLA, PALMER, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSIDENTING VOTES.

**4. Discussion and possible action to adopt the calendar year 2023 meeting schedule**

Chair Jackson provided an overview of the proposed 2023 meeting schedule, there was no additional discussion.

COMMISSIONER PALMER MOVED TO ADOPT THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE. COMMISSIONER ASHLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR JACKSON, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON,



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COMMISSIONERS ASHLEY, MAZZARELLA, PALMER, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**5. Discussion and possible action to nominate commission chair and vice chair to be elected at the Jan. 4, 2023 meeting**

Mr. Corsette explained that the commission's bylaws require electing a chair and vice chair at the January meeting of each year to serve the entire calendar year. This item is to take nominations. Commissioners may also make nominations directly to staff. The entire slate of nominated candidates will be on the agenda for election at the commission's Jan. 4, 2023, meeting.

COMMISSIONER PALMER NOMINATED STEVEN JACKSON AS CHAIR AND LAND ANDERSON AS VICE CHAIR. COMMISSIONER ASHLEY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR JACKSON, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONERS ASHLEY, MAZZARELLA, PALMER, AND STEMPIL VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**6. Discussion of the draft 2022 Annual Report to be considered for adoption at the Jan. 4, 2023 meeting**

Mr. Corsette provided an overview of the draft 2022 Veterans Advisory Commission Annual Report, and explained that the report will be on the commission's agenda for adoption at the Jan. 4, 2023 meeting. If any commissioners have comments or corrections during the review period, provide them to staff so they may be considered prior to adopting the report in January.

**7. Discussion, updates and possible recommendations regarding the 2022 Veterans Advisory Commission Work Plan**

Mr. Corsette discussed the work plan. Chair Jackson suggested that each member review the plan prior to the January meeting, so that any suggested changes may be reviewed then. Commissioner Palmer suggested the chair and vice chair meet with Mayor Ortega to update him on the commission's plan. Corsette also explained that a work plan was required by the City Council as part of the commission's initial formation, but annual updates are not required. Mr. Corsette affirmed that the work plan is a public document that can be shared outside the commission. Chair Jackson also suggested that each commissioner consider items on the plan that they would like to specifically work on, so that assignments can be considered when updating the plan in January.

**8. Commission members' reports, updates and suggestions for future agenda items**

Commissioner Mazzarella shared information about Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a nonprofit organization that serves the community, including veterans, he will determine whether they would be interested in presenting to the commission in 2023.

Commissioner Palmer mentioned that Senator Krysten Sinema's office has developed a Veterans Resource Guide; staff will share that with the commission and post it to the Veterans page at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](http://ScottsdaleAZ.gov).



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Commissioner Ashley suggested the commission receive a presentation from QW Global Maternal Wellness, an organization dedicated to maternal care for military moms. The organization is hosting a fashion show and fundraiser in May.

Commissioner Palmer suggested that commission members look for other organizations from whom the commission can receive presentations and information, and also potential guests for the Veterans AZ video series.

Commissioner Ashley suggested the commission connect with incoming Governor Katie Hobbs' office to invite her veteran's liaison to present to the commission. Commissioner Palmer suggested that the Arizona Department of Veterans Services be invited to present as well, and mentioned that the VAC should explore networking with other veterans commissions around the Valley. Mr. Corsette will ask Scottsdale's Government Relations Office to assist with any conversation with the incoming governor's office.

## 9. Adjournment

COMMISSIONER STEMPLI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COMMISSIONER ANDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR JACKSON, VICE CHAIR ANDERSON, COMMISSIONERS ASHLEY, MAZZARELLA, PALMER, AND STEMPLI VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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