

U.S. Military Veterans Advisory Committee
Wednesday, May 1, 2019 11:02 AM
Dunedin Community Center – Admin Conference Meeting Room

Minutes

Members Present: Sid Damsgard (Chair/ALG Commander), Larri Gerson (Secretary/VAM), Mal Clingan (VM/MOPH JFK1963), Chester Pyatt (Commander VFW Post 2550), Father Bob Swick (Vice Chair/VM), Pastor Jason Knott (Pastor), Dillard M. Jones “Mike” (A/M),

Members Absent: Non-excused: Mary Ann Keller (V/M), Excused: Lori Badders (M), Sandi Sunter (Committee on Aging/M), Edward Hughes (Cares).

Mtn.: Excused Lori Badders (M), Sandi Sunter (Committee on Aging/M), Edward Hughes (Cares).
from May 1, 2019 meeting. Infor: Received correspondence with notice.

By: Father Bob Swick

2nd: Dillard M. Jones “Mike”

Approved: Unanimous - Yes

City Staff: Lanie Sheets (Parks & Recreation Superintendent), Director Vince Gizzi

Guests: Frank Vanore, Dale Boggs (Disability Committee).

Pledge of Allegiance: Sid Damsgard (Chair) **Inspiration:** Father Bob Swick

Guest Speaker: none

Approval of minutes of March 6, 2019 meeting

Mtn.: Approval of the minutes of May 1, 2019 meeting.

By: Chester Pyatt

2nd: Father Bob Swick

Approved: Unanimous - Yes

Old Business:

1. Discussion about the Annual Committee Report, committee review, report to Commission.

Info: Chair Sig Damsgard read his draft Committee Report. Several recommended changes to the report. Chair will have final version available for the next Committee meeting.

Mtn.: **Approve the Annual Committee Report as modified (to page 3/ 2nd paragraph / 1st Sentence).**

By: Father Bob Swick

2nd: Pastor Jason Knott

Approved: Unanimous – Yes

2. Review U.S. Military Veterans Advisory Committee Resolution establishing this committee.

Info: **Motion approved from March 6, 2019** - To change the mandatory member, Pastor or someone who serves in a pastoral capacity at a church located within the City of Dunedin, to ex-facto/advisor to the committee. Superintendent Sheets to submit changes to the Commission for approval.

3. Dunedin's Veterans Observance 2019:

Info: Partnership with the Sgt Eric Landon Stop Soldier Suicide 5k Run (non-competitive), tentative date to be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019. Agree to provide network, contacts, volunteer and support as needed. Bring up August 7, 2019 meeting.

4. Update on Purple Heart Park Monument relocation:

Info: Discussion held and Superintendent Sheets to provide a diagram with the Purple Heart Park to include easements owned by Developer Joe Kokolakis.

5. Quilts of Valor: Lori Badders - Recommend 15 quilts available for the Purple Heart Ceremony August 2019. Received email from Lori Badders – 7 more names added, included Chester Pyatt, removed Sid Damsgard.

6. Shirts for Committee members: Added member Dillard M. Jones "Mike".

New Business:

1. Publicizing Veteran Friendly Business - City Communication distribution

Mtn: Improve website verbiage to provide guidance to the applicant. The Business will be allowed to describe the business (50 words or less).

By: Father Bob Swick

2nd: Chester Pyatt

Approved: Unanimous – Yes

2. Veteran Owned & Friendly Business Applications

Info: Need more information to approve business: Edward Mauer Consulting, LLC dba Worker Safety Net.

Mtn: Approve applicant Dunedin Fine Arts Center.

By: Father Bob Swick

2nd: Chester Pyatt

Approved: Unanimous – Yes

3. Vote on new members:

Info: Member Peter Kruger resigned. Superintendent Sheets to have the City Clerk send applicants applications to each member of the committee to consider.

Announcements:

1. Senior Hall of Fame: Sandi Sunter (Chair of Aging) – Winner announced at the luncheon on May 8, 2019 guest speaker Dunedin City Manager Jennifer Bramley.

2. Superintendent Sheets: Parks & Recs Summer Magazine - 1. Offer Veterans discounts, 2. VFW Playground, 3. Purple Heart Recognition Day 2019. Ceremony to be held on August 7, 2019.

3. Mtn: Approve U.S. Military Veterans Advisory Committee to meet June 5, 2019

By: Father Bob Swick

2nd: Larri Gerson

Approved: Unanimous – Yes

Agenda for next meeting:

1. Update on Purple Heart Park Monument relocation

2. Vote on new members

3. New Business: Veteran Owned & Friendly Business Applications

Next meeting date: June 5, 2019

Adjournment: 12:16pm