



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

July 20, 2016

Minutes

Those Present:

Roger Newall, Archie Garcia, Ken O'Keefe, Steve Overman,
Pat Gaston, Chris Timm, and Mike Scramski
SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

Those Excused:

Stephen Asher, Brian Leen, Jonathan Strawn, and Martin Ethridgehill

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:16 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from June 15, 2016
 - The motion to accept the June minutes was approved.
 - No changes or corrections
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - Roger informed the group that he was passing out the Albuquerque Employee Coins to the police cadets at their graduation the week of July 25.
 - Roger updated the group that the hiring process has no new changes. Albuquerque is still at a 10-12% rate.
 - The group was reminded that there are still open positions on the Board. There are four spaces open.
 - There are no outstanding projects at the moment. Roger updated the group on the VA moving forward with the parking structure; the location is still being decided.
 - Archie informed the group that he is hearing talk of the Hispano Chamber presenting their hiring preference bill again next legislative session. More details about this bill will be presented once we are closer to the Legislative session.
 - Upcoming Events
 - August 27, the Women Veterans Annual luncheon will be at the NMVM.
 - Navy Week will kick off at the NMVM on Monday, September 12. More details to come.
- V. New Business
 - Roger informed the group that he spoke to Director Welsh and expressed his disappointment in the representative for the Fisher House and her wavering and mixed messages spoken towards this Board at the last meeting.
 - Archie asked about the status of the VIC and their status is still unknown. They are still working the plans and are moving forward, but with no definite date.
- VI. Setting of Future Meetings – August 17 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial.
- VII. Adjourn – 10:30 am.