



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

June 15, 2016

Minutes

Those Present:

Roger Newall, Archie Garcia, Stephen Asher, Steve Overman,
Brian Leen, Jonathan Strawn, and Mike Scramski
SECRETARY: Beth Hemmerich

Those Excused:

Ken O'Keefe, Pat Gaston, Chris Timm, and Martin Ethridgehill

Guests:

Rita Navarrete and Darlene Allen

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:15 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from May 15, 2016
- The motion to accept the May minutes was approved.
 - No changes or corrections
- III. Public Comments
- Rita Navarrete (Lead the) and Darlene Allen (Committee Chairman) from the New Mexico Fisher House Committee presented an update on the Fisher House to the VMAAB.
 - Rita informed the group that the NM Fisher House Committee has 8 board members who make the decisions regarding the building of the Fisher House for NM.
 - She also let the group know that there are area liaisons and they are:
 - De Baca, Lopez and Olson. The only area still seeking a liaison is the four corners area.
 - Roger Newall expressed concern about the location of the Fisher House on the VA property. The location appears to be a different location than originally proposed. Rita said she will find out why the change in location.
 - Rita also let the group know the anticipated ground breaking is set for December 2016.
- IV. Unfinished Business
- No new updates on the Albuquerque Employee Coins. There are enough coins in stock to last a while.
 - Roger updated the group that the hiring process has no new changes. Albuquerque is still at a 10-12% rate.
 - Roger reminded the group that there are still open positions on the Board. He has reviewed a few candidates who were not qualified so the open positions are still unfilled.
 - Steve Overman and Archie Garcia both commented that they know a few people who may be good candidates and will refer to Roger.
 - There are no outstanding projects at the moment.
 - There are no updates on Legislation.
 - Upcoming Events
 - June 19, 2016 is Purple Heart Family/Community Day, at the NMVM.

V. New Business

- The NMVM Veterans Memorial Review Committee has a Monument Restoration Project that is looking for volunteers to clean and restore the monuments. Everyone is welcomed to participate or send interested parties to participate.

VI. Setting of Future Meetings – July 20 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans’ Memorial.

VII. Adjourn – 10:37 am.

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