



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

June 17, 2015

Minutes

Those Present:

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

Guests:

Joseph Dorn and Tina Reems

Those Excused:

Stephen Asher, Brian Leen, and David Sparks,

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:05 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from May 20, 2015
 - a. The motion to accept the May minutes was approved. No changes were made.
- III. Public Comments
 - Ken O'Keefe invited everyone to attend the Flag Day ceremony to be taking place at the NMVM.
 - Joseph Dorn, from the State Healthcare Division, introduced himself to the group. He asked the group for their input into a community calendar. Joseph asked the group send him any info on events and will get the events on the States portal.
- IV. Tour of the Grounds
 - Tina Reems of Cherry C. Reems Architectures, gave the group a brief history of the New Mexico Veterans Memorial and why it was designed the way it is. She informed the Board that her company won a design competition to design the layout and details of the Memorial. The goal was to inspire veterans to come to the Memorial as a place of solitude and remembrance. In turn, the memories of the vets become the Memorial. Tina then took the group on a walking tour of the Memorial grounds. She explained the history and symbolism of each Memorial/Monument/Kiosk and the purpose behind every inch of the grounds. The walking tour concluded at 10:15am.
 - The group went back into the meeting room to conclude the Board Meeting.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - No unfinished business was discussed at this Board Meeting. Regular meeting agendas will continue at the August Board Meeting.
- VI. New Business
 - Future Events:
 - August 19, 2015, Advisory Board Meeting at NMVM at 9:00am
 - August 27, 2015, Veteran's Only Expo/Job Fair
- VII. Setting of Future Meetings – August 19, 2015 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial.
- VIII. Adjourn – 10:29 am.