



Veterans' and Military Affairs Advisory Board

New Mexico Veterans' Memorial

May 18, 2016

Minutes

Those Present:

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

Those Excused:

Stephen Asher, Martin Ethridgehill,

- I. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Roger Newall at 9:10 am
- II. Review and Accept of Minutes from April 20, 2016
 - The motion to accept the April minutes was approved.
 - No changes or corrections
- III. Public Comments
 - No public comments were made.
- IV. Unfinished Business
 - Roger Newall informed the group that 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 informed the group that Human Resources and Transit are in the process of writing the hiring preference in as policy so that it is permanent and with the change of Mayors cannot be discontinued.
 - This Board has a few openings that are open for immediate filling. There are an additional 2 that will be open in September when terms are up.
 - The Board is looking for Veterans who live in the City and have a world understanding. Please send referrals to Roger Newall.
 - The Expo is still undecided if it will take place or when. There is a meeting to discuss this Expo and an update will be discussed during next month's Board meeting.
 - Upcoming Events:
 - There is a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 30, at the NMVM. Ken O'Keefe informed the group that the Keynote speaker will be Gen Fox from the State Veteran Affairs office.
 - Run for the Wall is on May 19 and 20, 2016.
 - June 4 and 5, 2016 is the KAFB 75th Anniversary Air Show.
 - June 19, 2016 is Purple Heart Family/Community Day, at the NMVM.
 - Ride for the Wall 2016 will take place on May 19 & 20.
 - It was brought up that the Museum of the American Military Family is sponsored by Bataan Military Academy and the Bataan Academy may be dissolved which will leave the Museum having no home and sponsor.
- 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. The first training will take place on May 13, 2016 from 1:00-4:00pm.
- VI. Setting of Future Meetings – June 15 at 9:00 am at the NM Veterans' Memorial.
- VII. Adjourn – 9:56 am.