



Veterans Advisory Committee
Thursday, July 20, 2023 – 3:30 p.m.

1. **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair, Jeff Noble
2. **Roll Call** – Kendel Blake, Management Analyst
3. **Review and approval of May 18, 2023 Minutes** - Chair
Resolution 03-22 Section 2J, 3A
4. **Committee Forms/Training Recap** - Kendel Blake
 - 2023 DEI Training – Online
 - Code of Conduct
 - Training Evaluation
 - Rules and Regulations
5. **Independence Day Recap** – Chair
6. **Council Recommendations Recap** – Chair/Kendel Blake
Resolution 03-22 Section 2K, 3B
 - Senior Military/Veterans Rate at DCRC
 - Veteran Appreciation Card
7. **Veterans Affairs** – Chair/Kendel Blake
Resolution 03-22 Section 2G
 - See attached documentation
8. **Dublin Irish Festival, Hero Hut** – Vice Chair, Bonnie Garmy
Resolution 03-22 Section 2A
 - Volunteers
 - High School student involvement
9. **Military Round Table and dublinveterans.com** – Chair
Resolution 03-22 Section 2G, I
 - July 24th 1-2pm at DCRC
 - August 21st 1-2pm at DCRC
10. **New Business**
 - Dublin Cemetery Columbarium (*Resolution 03-22 Section 2D*)
 - Emerson Eikholt
11. **Adjourn**



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1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Noble called the May 18th, 2023 meeting of the Dublin Veterans Committee to order at 3:31 pm in person.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Jeff Noble (Chair), Bonnie Gamary (Vice Chair), Roger Ansel, Sean Clifton, Steven Dickman, Tim Hansley, Mike Kehoe, Mack Parkhill, John Reiner.

Committee Members not Present: Jan Rozanski

City Staff Present: Mason Althouse, Kendel Blake, Lori Gischel, Emily Goliver, Hayley Griggs, Jaime Hoffman, Meghan Murray, Carrie Ritzler.

3. Membership

Ms. Blake reminded committee members on proper procedure for using microphones and introduced new member Mr. Dickman.

Mr. Dickman introduced himself.

Mr. Noble announced Mr. Ansel and Mr. Hansley reappointments.

Ms. Blake explained the chair and vice chair election process.

Mr. Noble went over the guidelines for boards and commissions and opened the floor to elections.

Mr. Parkhill nominated Mr. Noble with a second from Mr. Hansley. Mr. Noble called role and the motion to confirm Mr. Noble for chair was passed.

Mr. Reiner nominated Ms. Gamary for vice chair with a second from Mr. Parkhill, Mr. Noble called role and the motion to confirm Ms. Gamary for vice chair was passed.

4. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Noble proposed a motion to approve the March 16th, 2023, meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Veterans Benefit Discount Card

Mr. Parkhill outlined the process for creating the veterans discount and shared his thoughts to help find more veterans in the community. He suggested a lottery like system for veterans to win tickets to the Memorial Tournament.



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Ms. Goliver noted that staff would have to investigate if the City was capable of this action.

Mr. Parkhill asked Ms. Goliver if the committee had access to the current list of veterans to implement this lottery.

Mr. Noble commented on a few other ways to help identify veterans in the community.

Mr. Reiner asked how the Memorial Tournament verified that tickets were sold to veterans and asked if they recorded who was coming and going. Suggesting that this was a good way of tracking veterans.

Mr. Noble noted that this list would likely be full of people who are not Dublin residents.

Ms. Gamary explained that tickets are sent out in messages by group/squadron.

Ms. Blake noted that veterans entering the Memorial must show proof of ID at the gate.

Mr. Reiner noted that this is one of the most comprehensive lists available.

Mr. Noble suggested that this is a good idea but should be done after the ceremony or maybe at the picnic lunch.

Mr. Parkhill noted that doing the raffle early could be beneficial to help veterans plan, perhaps around veterans' day.

Ms. Goliver outlined the best practices for this raffle, with committee members agreeing that doing the raffle further in advance could be beneficial.

Ms. Gamary reintroduced the idea of the veteran's discount card to Mr. Parkhill as he was absent from the last meeting.

Mr. Noble commented that he sent out price ranges and Mr. Kehoe noted that Dublin's benefits matched up with most of the current market.

Mr. Noble stressed the importance of the DCRC membership and how good it could be for Dublin veterans. Mr. Kehoe agreed.

Ms. Goliver noted that there hadn't been any changes to the discount rate for the DCRC and changing this rate was outside the purview of the committee. She then explained the current cost study, and suggested discounting things outside the current cost study. Ms. Goliver then pulled up the previous presentation showcasing the proposed discounts for veterans.



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Mr. Reiner suggested that the committee needed to vote on this matter.

Mr. Hansley noted that if the goal was to find more veterans in Dublin, then the discounts should be greater and that they should bring something better to council.

Ms. Goliver suggested that committee members attend a finance committee meeting to best share their feelings regarding the cost study and discount rates.

Mr. Noble went line by line to gauge committee feelings on current discounts, with the suggestion that the DCRC membership be lowered for veterans and adding a Memorial Tournament raffle.

Ms. Goliver clarified the specific wording behind the DCRC discount rate for the recommendation to council.

The committee discussed different ways to go about the rates and what verbiage should be used to introduce the idea to council.

Ms. Blake explained the process and timeline of introducing a recommendation to council and clarified the goal of the committees' recommendations, as well as the costs associated with the veteran's card.

Ms. Goliver clarified the importance of procedure of the motion for introducing this to council.

Mr. Noble motioned to recommend to council that they approve a veteran's card for Dublin Veterans' based on the submission of a DD214, this card would allow them various discounts as proposed by staff. Mr. Gamary seconded, roll was called, and the motion was approved.

6. Gravesites for Memorial Day

Mr. Noble jumped ahead in the agenda to Gravesites for Memorial Day.

Mr. Kehoe highlighted the number of veterans being cremated and how they could be honored at the Dublin Cemetery, especially come Memorial Day.

Mr. Noble suggested ideas regarding honoring the columbarium at the cemetery.

Ms. Blake commented staff could investigate what are the best practices for this.

Mr. Kehoe left.



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7. Grounds of Remembrance Update

Ms. Gamary noted that the POW QR code was not currently working, and the fact that people are often unaware of them as they enter the grounds of remembrance. Highlighting the history of the grounds and suggesting that a placard be placed at the entrance. Ms. Gamary commented that the information for Dublin veterans is often hard to find and that advertising the veteran website could be beneficial.

The committee discussed how young people view veterans. Ms. Gamary asked Ms. Blake if there was a possibility of adding a QR code at the entrance. Ms. Blake agreed, noting that adding another code was something that the City could implement.

Mr. Dickman suggested adding signage to help direct people to the Grounds of Remembrance.

8. Gravesites for Memorial Day

Mr. Noble noted that May 27th is the day to help decorate the cemetery for Memorial Day with the Dublin American Legion.

9. Military Round Table and dublinveterans.com

Mr. Noble announced that the next Military Round Table was at the DCRC on May 22nd.

10. VA Actions

Ms. Gamary went over action at the VA and the PACT Act. She highlighted local action to help veterans.

The committee discussed the bills impacts and ways to best share information regarding the act, such as including a link on the Dublin Veterans Website.

11. Trainings

Ms. Blake briefly mentioned the online DEI Training assigned to committee members. Ms. Blake also highlighted the upcoming Advisory Committee Member Training and what purpose and process they serve. The goal of the training is to formalize meeting procedures, with training being June 6th at 6pm.

12. Roundtable

Mr. Noble bid Ms. Goliver farewell as she moves to CSAC.

Ms. Ritzler highlighted the updates on the Hero Hut and its sponsors.

Mr. Clifton noted the needs of the Hero Hut this year in terms of signage and sponsorships.



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Mr. Clifton thanked Ms. Goliver for her work on the Purple Heart signage.

Mr. Reiner shared an opportunity to volunteer for a special needs program with Adaptive Sports Connection.

Ms. Blake reminded the committee that the next meeting is July 20th.

Ms. Gischel provided an update and information regarding the Memorial Day festivities.

Mr. Noble highlighted veterans' activities on both Memorial and Independence Day.

Mr. Noble asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members approved the motion.

Meeting ended at 4:51 pm

13. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendel Blake, Management Analyst

Chair Jeff Noble

Advisory Committee Training

June 6, 2023

Evaluation Form

1. What did you like best or find the most useful about this training?
2. What aspects of the training could be improved?
3. What additional training topics would be valuable to you in your role as a committee member?
4. Additional feedback:



**DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBER
CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Board and Commission Member appointed by Dublin City Council, you are considered an advisory representative of the public. The City of Dublin is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment that supports and expects its public servants, paid or volunteer, to be committed to the highest ideals, quality service, and proper conduct. By signing this Code of Conduct, you are stating that you agree to the following conduct codes.

- I will be present for required meetings
- I will take necessary steps to be informed on the background of issues being considered by my commission or board
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all citizens, public officials, peers, applicants and employees
- I will be a positive role model and actively promote a diverse and inclusive working environment that encourages public confidence in City government through my actions
- I will welcome and involve citizens in the decision making process and welcome diverse experiences, perspectives and viewpoints.
- I will offer advisory opinions to Dublin City Council that serve the public interest and promote the greatest public good
- My language, manner, preparation, and follow-through will demonstrate responsible standards
- I will not misrepresent myself as having any greater authority other than that of one member of a Board and Commission
- I will carefully avoid conflict of interest situations and refrain from actions that may be perceived as such
- I will accept feedback from Dublin City Council in order to offer the most effective service in an advisory role
- I will not accept any compensation for my service to the City, other than may be authorized by City Council or otherwise provided by the City, and I will not accept anything of value for performing my duties from any third party
- I will not make any effort to influence or attempt to influence other officials to act in a manner benefiting my personal/financial interests
- I will comply with all laws and regulations applicable to an appointed official and those governing the conduct of meetings
- I will maintain my status as an elector (registered voter) throughout my term of service
- I understand that failure to take responsibility to adhere to these codes may result in my dismissal or non-reappointment

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____



**DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS
DUBLIN VETERANS COMMITTEE
DUBLIN, OHIO**

I. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

(Dublin Codified Ordinances, Section 32.85)

The Dublin Veterans Committee (DVC) will:

- (A) Provide input to City Council and staff regarding the conduct of veterans' ceremonies and events to include, but not necessarily limited to, Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- (B) Provide input to City Council and city staff regarding the management, maintenance, and operations of the Grounds of Remembrance.
- (C) Consult with the Dublin Arts Council, as may be deemed necessary, regarding the Grounds of Remembrance.
- (D) Provide input to City Council and staff regarding the management, maintenance, and operations of the Dublin Cemeteries relative to veteran gravesites and tributes located therein.
- (E) Provide input to City Council and staff regarding remembrance of our military fallen and missing.
- (F) Provide input to City Council and staff regarding suggestions from the public relative to other monuments/tributes and programs honoring or otherwise supporting veterans.
- (G) Monitor veteran affairs at the state and federal level for those impacts and opportunities that may be of interest at the local level and provide any necessary input to City Council and staff.
- (H) Maximize the input and participation of other military veterans within the community.
- (I) Meet in accordance with all public meeting requirements for advertising, conduct, and documentation of meetings.
- (J) The Veterans Committee is advisory only to City Council and staff. All recommendations for desired actions or considerations of the city shall be advanced to City Council for review, consideration, and appropriate action.
(Res. 60-19, passed 11-4-19)

II. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(Dublin Codified Ordinances, Section 32.85)

A. Membership

- 1. The Veterans Committee will be comprised of the following members:
 - a. Chair (1), veteran/any branch;
 - b. Vice-Chair (1), veteran/any branch;
 - c. Army veteran (1);
 - d. Navy veteran (1);

- e. Marine Corps veteran (1);
 - f. Air Force veteran (1);
 - g. Coast Guard veteran (1);
 - h. American Legion Post 800 representative (1);
 - i. Dublin City Council (1); and
 - j. Washington Township Trustees (1).
2. Members of the Committee will serve two-year terms.
 3. Expired terms shall be filled by Council pursuant to Section 7.02 (d) of the Charter.
 4. No member of any board or committee shall serve as a member of the same board or committee for more than two consecutive full terms unless at least one year has elapsed since the member's last full term ended; this rule does not apply to anyone who serves on a board or committee by virtue of holding another office or position with the City pursuant to Section 7.02 (h) of the Charter.

B. Officers

1. The Veteran's Advisory Committee shall annually appoint a Chair and Vice Chair in order to preside over committee meetings and contribute appropriate agenda items.
2. The Chair's duties will be to collaborate with the City Manager or designee to coordinate meeting agendas, schedules, and desired support, preside over meetings, and serve as the spokesperson of the Advisory Committee.
3. The Vice Chair's duty will be to serve in the absence of the chair.
4. The Chair/Vice Chair will collaborate with the City Manager/designee to seek any necessary guidance and/or decisions necessary by City Council.

C. Attendance of Members

1. Attendance is the responsibility of each member of the Committee. Regular attendance is expected for all members. Two or more consecutive unapproved absences at the Advisory Committee meetings, the City Manager, in consultation with the Mayor, may remove the Advisory Committee member and refill the vacancy for the unexpired term as prescribed in § [32.100](#).
2. Each member is responsible for notifying the Chair and staff liaison as soon as possible before any Committee meeting if unable to attend.
3. City Council's strong preference is that all members participate in person at all regular and special meetings when the Board is meeting in a physical location. The Mayor may permit a member to participate virtually in the event of an emergency. Members must request virtual participation prior to any meeting that a member would like to participate virtually. If a

member participates virtually, the member must participate in such a manner that the member is visible to the meeting participants, unless technology issues prevent such manner of participation.

4. The Mayor may determine that any regular or special meeting shall be held virtually. Notice of the means of accessing and viewing the meeting shall be provided at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
5. If a meeting is held virtually, or individual members participate virtually, there shall be technology mechanisms in place to ensure the public can observe and hear the meeting and that the instructions for participation are detailed on the City's website.

D. Resignation

The resignation of a member of the Committee shall become effective upon filing with the Clerk of Council.

III. STAFF LIAISON

The City Manager or designee will serve as the primary staff liaison and will provide all necessary administrative support, agendas, minutes, notices, public records, and coordination needs of the Advisory Committee.

IV. MEETINGS

A. Regular Meetings

The Advisory Committee will meet as determined by the Chair and City Manager/designee. Online meetings must be in accordance with city policy.

B. Public Meetings

All meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public.

D. Quorum

Seven members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

E. Parliamentary Procedure

Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, are hereby adopted for the governments of this Committee in all cases not otherwise provided for in these rules. Technical violations of these rules or parliamentary procedure provisions shall not invalidate Committee actions.

V. AGENDA

- A.** The Chair shall have the responsibility to establish an agenda jointly with the City staff liaison for each meeting.
- B.** Staff shall prepare and distribute the agenda to the Committee (one week/seven days) prior to the meeting.

VI. MEETING PROCEDURE

The following is the general format to be used at all public meetings of the Community Inclusion Advisory Committee:

- A.** The Chair will call the meeting to order.
- B.** Each meeting will consist of, at a minimum, old business/new business and public comments for items not on the agenda.

VII. VOTING PROCEDURES

- A.** A majority vote is required to take action on any issue.
- B.** The Committee votes by voice during roll call.

VIII. REPORTING

- A.** City staff shall keep minutes of all Veterans Committee meetings. Minutes will be shared with City Council to comply with public meeting requirements and to keep Council informed as to the Committee's activities.
- B.** Other than meeting minutes, the Veterans Committee may report to City Council its progress, concerns, issues, recommendations and/or needs as frequently as it or Council may deem necessary.

IX. SUSPENSION OF RULES

These rules and regulations may be suspended at any meeting of the Veterans Committee by a two-thirds majority vote of members and subsequent approval of City Council.

Level of Government	Bill #	Bill	Legislator(s)	Status
State	HB69	Revise Membership of County Veterans Service Commissions - To amend sections 5901.02 and 5901.03 of the Revised Code to require county veterans service commissions to include two members who served in the military after September 11, 2001, and to require one member of the commission to be appointed by the board of county commissioners.	Stewart B., Willis B.	5/9/23 Armed Services and Veterans Affairs Committee (Second Hearing)
	HB90	Authorize property tax exemption for disabled veterans, spouses - To amend sections 323.152 and 4503.065 of the Revised Code to authorize a total property tax exemption for the homesteads of totally disabled veterans and their surviving spouses.	Patton T.	6/6/23 House Ways and Means Committee (Second Hearing)
	HB126	Expand municipal income tax exemption for military pay - To amend section 718.01 of the Revised Code to expand a municipal income tax exemption for military pay.	Mathews A., Miller A.	5/23/23 House Ways and Means Committee (Third Hearing)
	SB113	Regards failure to comply with Military Selective Service System - To amend section 4117.10 and to enact sections 3.19 and 124.95 of the Revised Code to prohibit a person who fails to comply with the Military Selective Service System from holding a public office or employment with the state.	Hoagland F.	6/28/23 Veterans and Public Safety Committee (Second Hearing)
Federal	S.777	Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023 or the Veterans' COLA Act of 2023 - This act requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase the amounts payable for wartime disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children. Specifically, the VA must increase the amounts by the same percentage as the cost-of-living increase in benefits for Social Security recipients that is effective on December 1, 2023. The bill requires the VA to publish the amounts payable, as increased, in the Federal Register. The VA is authorized to make a similar adjustment to the rates of disability compensation payable to persons who have not received compensation for service-connected disability or death.	Tester J.	Became Public Law No: 118-6

*Up-to-date as of July 10, 2023