



Veterans Committee

Thursday, May 16, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.

1. Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Noble called the May 16th, 2024 meeting of the Dublin Veterans Committee to order at 3:11 P.M. in person.

2. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Jeff Noble (Chair), Mike Kehoe (attended virtually), Sean Clifton, Mack Parkhill, Roger Ansel, Tim Hansley and John Reiner

Committee Members Absent: Bonnie Gamary, Steve Dickman, and Jan Rozanski

City Staff Present: Kendel Blake, Carrie Ritzler, Lori Gischel, and Megan O'Callaghan

Guests Present: Tom Holton, George Chambers, and Phil Hartmann

3. Review and approval of March 21, 2024 Minutes

Mr. Parkhill motioned to approve the March 21st, 2024 minutes, with a second from Mr. Hansley, the motion was unanimously approved.

4. Memorial Day Ceremony

Mr. Noble gave an update on this year's Memorial Day Ceremony, noting the speaker will be Amber Hudson Clark. The location is similar to past years at the Dublin Cemetery, with a community picnic following the ceremony at Monterey Park.

Mr. Noble reminded everyone about Military Roundtable with Speaker Amber Hudson this coming Monday at 1:00 p.m. at the DCRC. Ms. Hudson is the founder of MASH Pantry, a service that helps veterans and first responders. He commended the work Ms. Hudson does.

5. Veterans Appreciation Card Ticket Drawing

Ms. Blake highlighted the current benefits offered within the Veterans Appreciation Program. She also updated the Committee on the external outreach portion of the program and shared her conversation with Visit Dublin, noting that they are happy to partner with the Committee and reached out to their membership to ask who offers or would be willing to offer veteran discounts. There was a flood in responses, resulting in the creation of a Veterans Discount webpage on the Visit Dublin website. She added that Staff is working to incorporate a link to this page on the Dublinveterans.com website.



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In terms of membership, Ms. Blake noted that there are currently 65 Veterans signed up for the program.

Ms. Blake then drew a name for the Memorial Tournament Tickets Raffle, the winner was Charles Haag.

6. Advisory Committee Role/Responsibility

Assistant Law Director, Phil Hartmann, provided a brief overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Veterans Advisory Committee. Mr. Hartmann also added that if any members had questions about the roles and duties of the committee to please reach out.

Mr. Noble noted that the Veterans Committee is an advisory committee and he is proud of the work that has been done so far. He encouraged members to continue to think outside of the box for ways to help and support veterans in the area.

Ms. O'Callaghan thanked the members for their service both to the Country and to the City. She explained the reasoning behind the visit from herself and Assistant Law Director Hartmann, stressing efficiency, compliance, and consistency amongst advisory committee rules and procedures.

7. Roundtable

Mr. Noble remarked that Committee meetings beginning at 3:30pm was often a difficult time for Mr. Dickman to attend so at the next meeting there could be discussion about changing the time.

Mr. Noble also noted that this was Mr. Parkhill's final meeting.

Mr. Parkhill thanked the committee and Chair Noble for all of their hard work.

Ms. Blake thanked Mr. Parkhill for dedicating his time, expertise, and unwavering commitment to serving our country in the Air Force as well as our community on this committee since 2019. She added that he always has a smile on his face and is a joy to be around. The Committee hopes Mack knows he is always welcome at Committee meetings and we hope to see him at Veteran's activities in the future.

Mr. Blake reminded the group that the Board & Commission Swearing-In/Reception was June 3rd at 5:30 PM at Council Chambers.

Ms. Blake added that Tracy Owens would be appointed to the Committee on June 3rd.



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Mr. Clifton spoke about the new Dublin bike pump track at Emerald Fields and its dedication ceremony on May 20th. The Purple Heart Racing Team would be in attendance to provide demonstrations. He invited everyone to come to the dedication and noted it was a bring your own bike event!

Ms. Blake noted that the next meeting is July 18th at 3:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.

10. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,

Kendel Blake, Assistant to the City Manager

Jeff Noble, Chair