



Agenda

**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Market Station Conference Room
500 Market Station
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes: May 15, 2019
April 17, 2019
March 20, 2019
4. Public Comment
5. New Business/Action Items:
 - a. Navigator RFQ Update (Lisa Noriega, Special Projects Administrator, lnoriega@santafenm.gov, 955-6236)
 - b. Discuss: Emergency funds process (Lisa Noriega)
 - c. Subcommittee Updates:
 - i. Admin & Budget
 - ii. Homelessness and Emergency Relief
 - iii. Community Events & Communication
 - (1) Memorial Day, Veterans Day
 - (2) Adoption of John F Ray Griego Park
 - iv. Education/Employment/Entrepreneurship
 - d. Discuss: Golf Tournament Fundraiser
 - e. Discuss/Review: VAB website
6. Old Business
7. Comments from the Chair and Advisory Members
8. Report from Staff
9. Adjournment

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Item	Motion/Description	Page
Call to Order	Chris Calvert, Chair of VAB called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Railyard Offices.	1
Roll Call	A quorum was established with roll call.	1
Approval of the Agenda	Mr. Dettlebach moved to approve the agenda with a second from Ms. Seaton which passed by voice vote.	1
Approval of the Minutes from March 20, 2019	Minutes from March 20, 2019 Mr. Dettleback moved to approve the minutes from March 20, 2019 with a second from Ms. Vigil which passed by voice vote.	1
April 17, 2019	Minutes from April 17, 2019 Mr. Dettlbach moved to approve the minutes from April 17, 2019 with a second from Ms. Vigil which passed voice vote.	1
May 15, 2019	Minutes from May 15, 2019 Mr. Dettlebach moved to approve the minutes of May 15, 2019 with a second from Ms. Seaton which passed by voice vote. Ms. Mabel wanted to call attention that Chuck Zobac is in attendance.	1
Public Comment	None	2
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Old Business		4
Comments from the Chair and Advisory Members		4
Report from Staff		4
Adjournment	With all business conducted, the VAB adjourned at 5:59 p.m.	4

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500 Market Place
Santa Fe, NM
Wednesday June 19, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Calvert, Chair of VAB called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Railyard Offices. A quorum was established with roll call.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chris Calvert, Chair
Dorothy Seaton, Vice Chair
Ken Dettelback
Anna Vigil
Sigrid Hannah Mabel

Absent:

Rich Christiansen
Jim Williams
Kenny Keelin

Staff and Others Present:

Chuck Zobac
Julie Sanchez, City Liaison
Lisa Noriega, City Staff

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Dettlebach moved to approve the agenda with a second from Ms. Seaton which passed by voice vote.

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM March 20, 2019

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Minutes from April 17, 2019

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Ms. Mabel wanted to call attention that Chuck Zobac is in attendance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zobac explained Veteran's Service Officer left after a year, he doesn't do well with paper and wants to get things done. He uses the numbers from the state that are trending.

Ms. Mabel is concerned with the Veterans population and the current state of conflict in the world and there's repeat combat veterans. The retirement of veterans is growing. She believes they are shrinking.

Mr. Calvert stated the Korean War, Vietnam and older war Veterans are almost nonexistent.

Ms. Mabel states she recognizes the sacrifices of her era of veterans but she realizes they won't ever be in large numbers such as those older war veterans.

Mr. Zobac the Iraq an Afghan vets identify stronger with Vietnam Vets than with their own peers. The Adj. General appears on his show and others, his frustration is what they can do for the new and old vets. Last week, he went to Washington, DC and there was a small number of older vets. The Veterans community always wants to help.

A brief discussion was held about the American Military Women's Museum and how it is funded. They can have their information on their website. The new Cabinet Secretary of Veterans Services is not on that website.

Ms. Mabel states at LANL there is a women's Wikipedia day for women in science.

Mr. Zobac states the Santa Fe New Mexican runs veterans stories.

Mr. Zobac discussed the Vet Clinic and the stand down. The VAB needs to have a presence there.

Ms. Seaton experienced it when she volunteered there.

Chair Calvert explained the mission of the VAB. Some of the things they do doesn't fit with what other organizations do. There are people needed for those type of everyday life issues.

Mr. Zobac discussed when a Veteran gets the benefits and income.

Chair Calvert states they have to go through the administrative process first.

Mr. Zobac discussed another case from Marines from Camp Lejeune that experienced illness from the water contamination. It can take up to four years to get it done.

Chair Calvert thanked Mr. Zobac for being here and he is welcome anytime.

5. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Navigator RFQ Update**
- b. Discuss Emergency funds process**
- c. Subcommittee reports**
 - i. Admin and Budget**

ii. Homelessness and Emergency Relief

iii. Community Events & Communication

1. Memorial Day, Veterans Day

Chair Calvert explained an event for Memorial Day they had to plant trees that were dedicated to veterans. It was a small but very nice ceremony. A discussion came up about adopting the park. The City Parks would maintain the park. The sign is not legible.

Ms. Mabel asked where that would go, to Constituent Services.

Chair Calvert states there is a process for adopting a park. If they choose to do that they would invite proper personnel to a meeting.

Ms. Sanchez may invite the Adopt a Park personnel to the next meeting.

Ms. Seaton discussed the Quilts of Valor, she has a confirmation that they will be participants. She wants to make sure the nominees will be there to receive the quilts. Congresswoman Holland's parents are both veterans.

Ms. Sanchez has a relative who may a nominee but may be deployed. Chair Calvert asked if a family member could accept.

2. Adoption of John F. Ray Griego Park

Discussed above.

iv. Education/Employment/Entrepreneurship

Ms. Mabel explained she was selected for a proposal by Busmix to develop a tool to help military spouses find employment. She has made contact with the people who hold a class called Military Spouse 101. She is going through the process and hopes to get a tool or solution for this. Ms. Mabel spoke about license reciprocity.

Ms. Sanchez is going to invite the new Department of Veteran Services Cabinet Secretary to a meeting, having her hear about some of these issues is important.

Ms. Sanchez spoke about local legislators that could help.

D. Discuss: Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Chair Calvert reminded the Board the tournament is September 20, 2019. They are still looking for sponsors and players. They would like to fill the sponsorships.

Chair Calvert mentioned Ms. Seaton is taking charge working on the website. She has a volunteer and Ms. Mabel.

Ms. Mabel asked if the City has analytics on how many times people click on certain items. Ms. Sanchez states they received an email on the website information they are going to a "smart" webpage. She is currently the admin assigned to the webpage. The Economic Development

Department has the team working on the marketing strategy. They have been meeting with consultants. It will be redesigned.

Chair Calvert would like to keep things current. Ms. Seaton would like to keep past events on.

Chair Calvert it needs to be organized by need. Some veterans may not have website access.

Ms. Seaton would like to have photos of events and enhancing them for web quality. She would like to monitor it and keep things current. She will meet with Ms. Sanchez over lunch.

E. Discuss/Review: VAB Schedule

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND ADVISORY MEMBERS

Chair Calvert attended a Bear Creek Brewing Co. event for Veterans the third Tuesday of every month, it is just lunch and a social event to get people out of their isolated lives. They sometimes have topics. The food is free but they accept donations.

8. REPORT FROM STAFF

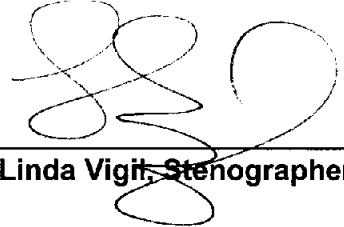
None.

9. ADJOURN

With all business conducted, the VAB adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

SIGNATURES

Chris Calvert, CHAIR



Linda Vigil, Stenographer