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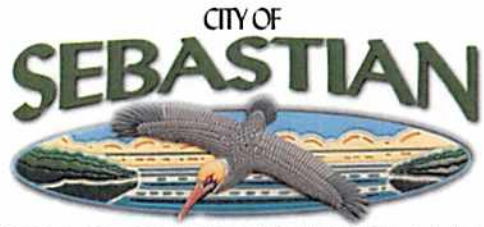
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AGENDA
CITY OF SEBASTIAN
VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 2023
3:00 PM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) MEETING CHAIR MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 5) AGENDA MODIFICATIONS
Modifications and additions require unanimous vote of members. Deletions do not apply.
- 6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
October 10th, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- 7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- 8) PUBLIC INPUT
- 9) NEW BUSINESS:
Item A: 2023 Veteran's Events and Responsibilities Discussion
Item B: Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony
- 10) STAFF MATTERS
- 11) BOARD OR COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS
- 12) ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND DATE: **April 3rd, 2023 @ 3:00pm**
- 13) ADJOURN

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING (OR HEARING) WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE HEARD. (286.0105 F.S.)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), ANYONE WHO NEEDS A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY'S ADA COORDINATOR AT 589-5330 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING.



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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Board Meeting Date: January 9th, 2023

Agenda Item Title: Meeting Minutes from October 10th, 2022

Recommendation: Approval of Meeting Minutes from the October 10th, 2022 meeting.

Background:

If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:

Total Cost: n/a

Attachments:

Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from October 10th, 2022

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022, 3:00 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1225 MAIN ST., SEBASTIAN FL 32976**

I. Chairman Gary Shaw called the Veterans Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

III. Roll Call

Gary Spiecker, American Legion Member -- Late Arrival
Gary Shaw, VFW Commander
Neil Baumgartner, VFW Member
Kim Paskiewicz, VFW Auxiliary Member

Not Present:

Stephen Hamerlin, American Legion Member

Also Present

Brian Benton, Director of Leisure Services
Joseph Perez, AV Technical Assistant
Janet Graham, Recording Secretary

IV. Meeting Chair Makes Announcements -- None

V. Agenda Modifications -- None

VI. Approval of Minutes -- August 1, 2022

Chairman Shaw called for a motion to approve the Minutes from August 1, 2022. A motion approving the Minutes of August 1, 2022 as presented was made by Ms. Paskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Baumgartner, and approved unanimously via voice vote.

VII. Unfinished Business -- None

VIII. Public Input -- None

IX. New Business

A. Veterans Day Planning and Responsibility

Chairman Shaw stated that the planning is in progress, and he passed out copies of the preliminary program to all the Board members. He will contact the high school band to see if they want to play. The ROTC will be contacted to insure they are available to present the colors. Contact will be made with the Veterans Area Honor Guard to insure they are available for the rifle salute and taps.

Mr. Spiecker said the Honor Guard is planning on making three different appearances on Veterans Day: the Orioles and two additional places where the Honor Guard does a service. He said the times are 12:00 noon, 1:30 p.m., and approximately 2:00 p.m.

Chairman Shaw stated that the City should get all the pertinent information at least a week to 10 days prior to the event. The Master of Ceremonies will be the VFW adjutant, and she will be running the program that day.

B. Pearl Harbor Day Planning and Responsibility

Mr. Benton stated that the Pearl Harbor Day event is to be organized by the American Legion. He said that typically that event starts at 12:30 p.m. All agreed.

C. Wreaths Across America (Rick Lewis)

Mr. Lewis stated there was a really good turnout yesterday for a fund raiser for wreaths. He said that with a few more donations they should be in good shape in Sebastian. He stated they will again be looking to do a ceremony afterwards at 12:00 noon. He said he will be contacting the Honor Guard, and he hopes to have them there again this year. He is also hoping to have the bagpiper. He is going to need some help from the local veteran organizations. He would like to have military people from each branch this year in proper dress with as many uniforms as possible to place the wreaths during the ceremony. This is a very solemn ceremony honoring past service members. He is asking for help in laying and picking up wreaths. He will be running the event this year. He mentioned that last year there was some difficulty with retrieval of the wreaths. There were three members picking up 600 wreaths. He will get with Ms. Paskiewicz in setting up the ceremony. Mr. Lewis said they usually get some help from the Boys and Girls Clubs and Boy Scouts in laying out the wreaths. Chairman Shaw said Wayne Newland from the American Legion is a great contact for the Boy Scouts. Mr. Lewis announced that the date this year is December 17th -- National Wreaths Day, which will happen all over the country. They will start laying wreaths as usual at 10:30 a.m., and the ceremony goes off at noon. That corresponds with the Arlington National Cemetery event and events all over the country. The ceremony will be held at the Veterans Memorial at Riverview Park. Ms. Paskiewicz

suggested having a program. Mr. Lewis said it would be nice to have one. Ms. Paskiewicz volunteered to do the program.

X. Staff Matters

A. Christmas Parade

Mr. Benton reviewed that the Christmas Parade this year will be on Saturday, December 10th. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Street boat ramp and end at Riverview Park. He would like to have as many veterans groups participate in the parade as possible. The groups will start lining up around 5:00 p.m. He will ensure that all the veterans groups are placed towards the front of the parade, as usual.

XI. Board or Committee Member Matters

Mr. Spiecker said he is with the Marine Corps League, and he announced that there is going to be a Marine Corps Ball on November 12th at Barefoot Bay. He is expecting at least 170 people. He has some tickets left, but they are going quickly. There are a number of marines in Sebastian who probably do not know about this. The tickets are \$40.00 each. It is a formal affair, so the people attending will be dressed up. Anyone who wishes to attend needs to get with him about tickets. He needs to know by Friday if anyone would like to attend.

XII. Items for Next Agenda and Date: January 9, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Benton stated that there will be discussion at that time about the Four Chaplains Memorial event that typically takes place in February. They have not had it the last few years, but he will get with Larry Wapnick regarding this item. He will give the Board all the information for that event at that meeting.

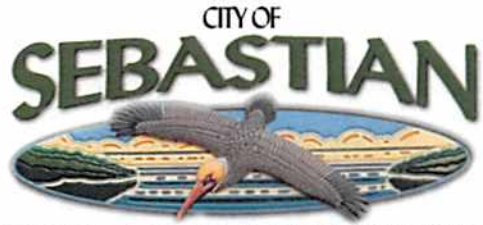
XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Shaw called for a motion to adjourn. A motion adjourning the meeting was made by Mr. Spiecker and seconded by Mr. Baumgartner.

By: _____

Date: _____

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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Board Meeting Date: January 9th, 2023

Agenda Item Title: 2023 Veteran's Events and Responsibilities Discussion

Recommendation: Discussion regarding which organizations will be responsible for each Veteran's event scheduled to take place in 2023.

If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:

Total Cost: n/a

Attachments:

- 1) 2023 Veteran's Events taking place in the City of Sebastian at the Veteran's Memorial



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2023 VETERAN'S EVENTS IN CITY OF SEBASTIAN

- 1) Four Chaplains Memorial Event
 - a. February ?
 - b. Event Organized by Larry Wapnick
- 2) Memorial Day Event
 - a. May 29th @ ?
 - b. Event Organized by ?
- 3) July 4th Ceremony
 - a. July 4th @ 8am
 - b. Event Organized by ?
- 4) Patriot Day Ceremony (9/11)
 - a. September 11th @ ?
 - b. Event Organized by ?
- 5) Veteran's Day Ceremony
 - a. November 11th @ 11am
 - b. Event Organized by ?
- 6) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony
 - a. December 7th @ 12:30pm
 - b. Event Organized by ?
- 7) Wreaths Across America
 - a. December ?
 - b. Event Organized by Rick Lewis