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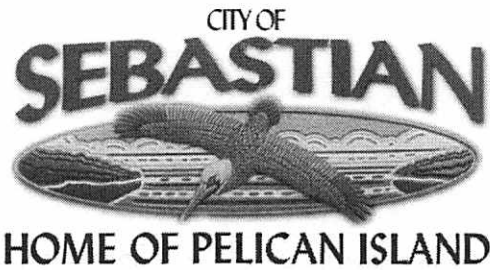
AGENDA
CITY OF SEBASTIAN
VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 7th 2023
3:00 PM

- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AGENDA MODIFICATIONS
Modifications and additions require unanimous vote of members. Deletions do not apply.
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
April 3rd, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 6) PUBLIC INPUT
- 7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 8) NEW BUSINESS:
Item A: Presentation by SCORE Treasure Coast

Item B: American 250 Monument Presentation and Discussion

Item C: Patriot Day Ceremony Discussion
- 9) ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND DATE: **October 2nd, 2023 @ 3:00pm**
- 10) 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.



**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Board Meeting Date: August 7th, 2023

Agenda Item Title: Meeting Minutes from April 3rd, 2023

Recommendation: Approval of Meeting Minutes from the April 3rd, 2023 meeting.

Background:

If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:

Total Cost: n/a

Attachments:

Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from April 3rd, 2023

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 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
Gary Shaw, VFW Commander
Kim Paskiewicz, VFW Auxiliary Member
Neil Baumgartner, VFW Member
Stephen Hamerlin, American Legion Member

Also Present:

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

IV. Meeting Chair Makes Announcements -- None

V. Agenda Modifications -- None

VI. Approval of Minutes -- January 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Shaw called for a motion to approve the Minutes from January 9, 2023. A motion approving the Minutes of January 9, 2023 as presented was made by Ms. Paskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Hamerlin, and approved unanimously via voice vote.

VII. Unfinished Business -- None

VIII. Public Input -- None

IX. New Business

A. Memorial Day Event Plan

Chairman Shaw said this year the VFW is responsible for planning and organizing this event. He will make sure that the VFW is aware of it so that it gets done. He asked if there is any special request from anyone or any organization that they would like included or excluded from it. Mr. Spiecker stated that at this time there is nothing, but as the date gets closer his group will get back to Mr. Shaw. Mr. Benton asked for clarification as to when the event is going to start and also as the date gets closer to make sure that the City gets the all the information on the event. Mr. Shaw said the City will make sure that the City gets all the information they need.

B. July 4th Parade Participation Discussion

Mr. Benton stated that the parade will take place on July 4th. The City would appreciate as much veteran participation as possible. In the past there has always been good participation, and he requests that that participation continues. If there are any additional veterans groups that the City staff needs to contact, or if the Board members can assist the City with contacting them, the City would like to make it as big as possible and continue to increase the size of our parades and the veteran involvement in the City's parades is a major part. Everyone enjoys seeing the veterans lead our parade on the 4th of July. Mr. Shaw asked if there will be applications to participate in this parade. Mr. Benton said yes, and he will email out to each of this Board's members the application. It is ready to go, and it will go online within the next couple of weeks for everyone to apply. Mr. Shaw asked if the City wants an application from each unit from the VFW and the American Legion or can both units be covered with one application. Mr. Benton said it does not matter as long as the application states "AND" for the riders. He is fine with multiple groups being put on the same application. He explained why the groups should register – so that the City knows how many groups there will be so that the groups appear in the parade in the correct order. The City wants to ensure that the veterans lead the parade. Mr. Shaw asked if the City wants to contact the Honor Guard directly. Mr. Benton said he would contact the Honor Guard. Mr. Shaw said there is a new person in charge, Paul Baribault. Mr. Benton said he will contact him directly.

X. Staff Matters

Mr. Benton addressed the landscaping around the Veterans Memorial. Staff has recognized the need for replacing some of the landscaping in that area. He stated that the City will include this Board as well as the veterans groups so that they will have a say in what is planned for that area to make sure that everyone agrees with what is being planted around the Veterans Memorial.

XI. Board or Committee Member Matters

Mr. Hamerlin added that the POW/MIA ceremony was great. It was impressive. Mr. Shaw stated that, as usual, the City came through with everything and more than was needed. The Board thanked the City for their help with this event.

Mr. Spiecker asked if the Board could ask the Police Department for the lead driver to stay 50 paces ahead of the veterans. He asked if the lead driver could be asked to announce over the intercom to please stand for the colors.

Mr. Shaw thanked everyone for their help at the last meeting. Mr. Spiecker asked, for informational purposes, where is the AED equipment. Mr. Benton explained where it is situated right outside the City Chambers.

XII. Items for the Next Agenda and Date: August 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

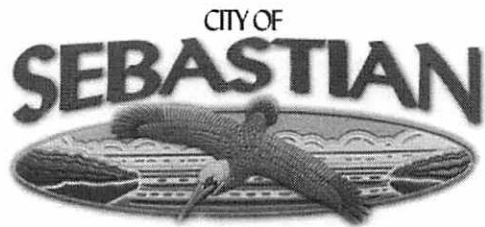
Mr. Benton stated that at that meeting he will address some of the fall events that will take place at the Veterans Memorial. Also, he will have more information regarding the budget and discussion on landscaping for the Veterans Memorial area.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Shaw called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Hamerlin, seconded by Mr. Spiecker, and approved unanimously via voice vote.

By: _____ Date: _____

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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM**

Board Meeting Date: August 7th, 2023

Agenda Item Title: Presentation by SCORE Treasure Coast

Background: Ms. Paskiewicz requested that SCORE Treasure Coast be added to the agenda to do a presentation.

If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:

Total Cost: n/a

Attachments:

- 1) SCORE Treasure Coast Document

Boots 2 Business Reboot

This entrepreneurship training program through the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) helps veterans and their spouses learn what's involved in starting a business. Classes are held throughout the U.S. and are available online, as well.

Office of Veterans Business Development

The OVBD facilitates the use of all SBA programs by veterans, active military personnel, and their spouses and children. Services and resources include funding for veteran-owned small businesses, entrepreneurship training programs and veteran contracting.

Veteran Entrepreneur Portal

VEP provides veterans with direct online access to resources that can help guide them through the steps of starting and running a business.

Veteran Women Igniting the Spirit of Entrepreneurship

V-WISE helps women veterans and female military partners learn the skills necessary to develop their ideas and start their businesses. The training program involves an online course, a three-day training event, and ongoing mentoring and training.

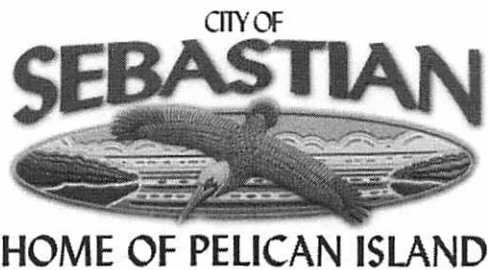
Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities

The EBV program helps post-9/11 veterans with service-related disabilities develop their business knowledge and entrepreneurial skills. Since it was founded at Syracuse University in 2007, it has expanded to other universities throughout America, too.

In addition to these resources, veterans can also gain valuable guidance and insight by requesting a SCORE mentor. SCORE volunteers understand the many challenges facing small business owners, and they have experience in all aspects of starting and growing a company. Mentoring provided by SCORE is free and available through in-person sessions, email, phone calls, and Skype and Google Hangout video meetings. Contact SCORE for more information about mentoring and the other educational opportunities it provides.

Since 1964, SCORE "Mentors to America's Small Business" has helped more than 10 million aspiring entrepreneurs and small business owners through mentoring and business workshops. More than 11,000 volunteer business mentors in over 320 chapters serve their communities through entrepreneur education dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses. For more information about starting or operating a small business, call 1-800-634-0245 for the SCORE chapter nearest you. Visit SCORE at www.score.org.

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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
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Board Meeting Date: August 7th, 2023

Agenda Item Title: America 250 Monument Presentation and Discussion

Background: Ms. Holly Hamilton requested to be added to the agenda to do a presentation on the potential installation of a monument installation celebrating the 250th birthday of the country.

If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:

Total Cost: n/a

Attachments: