



City of San Marcos

Regular Meeting Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee May 8, 2019 5:30 p.m. Grant Harris, Jr. Building Conference Room 401 E. Hopkins San Marcos, Texas

I. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 5:46pm on Wednesday May 8, 2019

II. Roll Call

Present- Cherif Gacis, Samantha Bagley, Jerry Lager, Michael Hernandez,
Theodore Dake Jr, Jude Prather

Absent- Linda Darlene Upshaw, Ben Kvanli

Staff Present- Lisa Morris, Daniel Montemayor

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period: *Each speaker signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will be called in the order in which they signed-up. Each speaker will be provided up to three minutes to speak.*

No citizen comments

MINUTES

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the February 27 2019 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Veterans Advisory Board member Cherif Gacis to approve February 27, 2019 minutes, second by Veterans Advisory Board member Theodore Dake Jr Motion carried with the following vote:

For- 6: Cherif Gacis, Samantha Bagley, Jerry Lager, Michael Hernandez,
Theodore Dake Jr, Jude Prather

Against- 0:

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Hold discussion regarding Memorial Day Ceremony and assign name readers.

Lisa Morris recapped on who would be leading the Memorial Day Ceremony and name readers. The Master of Ceremonies would be led by San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson. The invocation, followed by the silent prayer by Tom Tvrdik. The National Anthem led by Miss Elliette Coleman. The Pledge of Allegiance led by Miles Nelson. The welcome and introductions by San Marcos Mayor Jane Hughson. The Memorial Day remarks by Charles Watts. Jude Prather will take care of wreath placement. The reading of the names of Hays County soldiers who died in action will be read by Cherif Gacis, Jerry Lager, Theodore Dake Jr, Tom Tvrdik and Samantha Bagley.

3. Hold discussion regarding utility assistance for Veterans including a review of current Veteran utility waivers.

Jude Prather stated that a priority of support to help Veterans is with rental and utility assistance. Michael Hernandez mentioned that an Emergency Relief Fund could be helpful in assisting those in need.

Lisa Morris reported that 304 waivers have been provided. 71 are active accounts, 41 are delinquent accounts.

4. Hold discussion regarding Memorial Day Poppy project.

Theodore Dake Jr handed out a proposed operational outline to target a Veterans Day Poppy Drive. Theodore Dake Jr introduced Lois Stuart who is in charge of poppies for the American Legion and VFW. Theodore Dake Jr would like to see the project implemented for Memorial Day and Veterans Day and collect on the streets. Lisa Morris requested to look into a legal way to collect donations. Theodore Dake Jr recommended asking for \$4000 for startup cost for supplies and banners. Lois Stuart also recommended that monetary donations could be transferred through the VFW or American Legion and distribution could be supported by the Emergency Relief Fund. Theodore Dake Jr recommended that marketing and advertising could be through the banners with a title of "San Marcos the Texas Town that Never Forgets". To support the project a source of volunteers will be needed. Cherif Gacis also suggested that other places could serve a great opportunity to collect donations such as outlet malls with tax free weekend, Black Friday, and Texas State Football games.

Reports

5. Report from committee members regarding upcoming veteran related events/projects in the community

No Reports were discussed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6. Board Members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with the board's approved bylaws. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

Utility Assistance Update/ Poppies

Volunteer Veterans School Program

VI. Question and Answer Session with Press and Public.

This is an opportunity for the Press and Public to ask questions related to items on this agenda.

No Questions from press and public

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Veterans Advisory Board Cherif Gacis to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm on May 8, 2019 second by Veterans Advisory Board Michael Hernandez. Motion carried with the following vote:

For- 6: Cherif Gacis, Samantha Bagley, Jerry Lager, Michael Hernandez,
Theodore Dake Jr, Jude Prather

Against- 0:


Veterans Advisory Board Chairman


Facilities/Events Coordinator

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