



## City of San Marcos

### Regular Meeting Minutes Veteran Affairs Advisory Committee April 14, 2021 5:00 p.m.

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#### I. Call To Order

#### II. Roll Call

***Present: Michael Hernandez, John Minyard, Stephanie Brown, Steven Saxon, Jude Prather, David Franklin, Ben Kvanli***

***Absent: Marty Nelson***

***City Staff Present: Lisa Morris***

#### 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.*

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. Consider approval, by motion, of the minutes from March 10, 2021 Regular Meeting and the March 17, 2021 Special Meeting.  
***Motion to approve by Stephanie Brown. Seconded by John Minyard. Motion passes with all in favor.***

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Hold a discussion regarding the Memorial Day Ceremony.  
***Members volunteered to read names and made suggestions regarding participants in the ceremony.***
2. Hold a discussion regarding community-wide Veterans Pantry.  
***Existing pantries at Food Bank, Veteran Resource Office, and VFW are sufficient at this time. Ask for donations at the Memorial Day Event.***
3. Hold a discussion regarding Field of Honor Flags.  
***Recommendation to focus efforts on Wreaths Across America.***
4. Receive and update and hold a discussion regarding Wreaths Across America fundraising.  
***Recommendation for the committee to reach out to Chamber businesses, have a method to sell and promote WAA at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Sub-committee to meet April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm at the VFW.***
5. Hold a discussion and provide input regarding locations and plans for a permanent community-wide flag drop-off location including funding resources and operational plans.

***Recommendation to ask Resource Recovery to include flag drop-off at the Community Clean-up events, Stephanie volunteered to speak about it on KZSM Veterans Hour. Include drop-off during Memorial Day Ceremony.***

**REPORTS**

1. Report from staff regarding Purple Heart City designation process.  
***The Recommendation Resolution has been forwarded to City Council and is expected to be placed on their May 18, 2021 agenda. Michael Hernandez will be present to answer questions.***

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. 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.*
  - ***Creation of a Veterans Calendar on the City website.***

**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. There were no questions from the press or public.*

**VII. Adjournment - Michael Hernandez made a motion to adjourn. John Minyard seconded the motion. Motion passed with all in favor.**

VAAC Chair:  \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_