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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A special meeting of the City of Santa Fe Veterans Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Calvert, 10:00 a.m. on August 2, 2019, at Market Station, 500 Market Station, Caboose Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT Chris Calvert, Chair Richard Christiansen (arrived at 10:07) Kenny Keelin Hannah Sigrid Mabel John Palomino Anna Vigil (arrived at 10:08 a.m.) James Williams MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED Kenneth Dettlebach, excused Dorothy Seaton, excused

OTHERS PRESENT Michelle Gurule, Community Services Staff Melissa Byers, Stenographer

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum.

Chair Calvert introduced new member John Palomino and said because of time constraints a formal introduction would be made at the next meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Member Mabel, seconded by Member Williams to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

a. Discuss and approve: Navigation Proposals 19/01/RFQ (J. Sanchez, Board Liaison)

Chair Calvert asked everyone if they had a chance to review the proposal submitted by Elizabeth Martin of the Santa Fe Veterans Alliance which is a response to the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") issued by the City of Santa Fe on July 11, 2019. The purpose of the RFQ was to seek a *Navigator for Homeless and Precariously Housed Veterans*.

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Chair Calvert handed out an evaluation form for the proposal that needed to be completed by each of the Board members as required by the City Purchasing Division.

Member Williams asked what the navigator is going to do over and above what John is doing at Pete's Place.

Chair Calvert said John (Pete's Place) relies on people coming to him. Some of the current homeless statistics are underrepresenting the current population because if they don't fill out certain paperwork, it's not being entered into the system, so, the numbers don't reflect the people. The navigator will be out there to find those that are not being included in the system and to find people with a need where they are and meet them on their own terms and try to get them into the system. The navigator would also go to Pete's at night when people are more relaxed and willing to talk with the purpose of building that trust to get them the help they need.

Member Christiansen asked if this is the same organization we used previously before the last one.

Chair Calvert said "no," the Santa Fe Veterans Alliance is only one year old. Elizabeth was with Vic prior to their change in administration. They told her she could work for them fulltime or not at all. She was with Vic previously, under the VAB City contract, but now she's under the Alliance as opposed to Vic. The Alliance is the Board's sister fund raising organization so there should be clearer lines of understanding and cooperation.

- **MOTION:** A motion was made by Member Williamson, seconded by Member Mable to approve the proposal submitted by the Santa Fe Veterans Alliance.
- **VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote (7-0).

4. OLD BUSINESS

Member Mable asked about the golf tournament and if there are registrants that are outstanding.

Chair Calvert said he would like their names and registration and dollars in as soon as possible because there is a limit of how many they are going to do. The goal is 30 foursomes.

Chair Calvert explained to Member Palomino that there is going to be golf tournament on September 20th, which is a fundraiser for veterans. They are looking for corporate sponsors and individuals to play. The entry fee of \$125 which will include 18 holes of golf, a cart and lunch. Buffalo Thunder is giving golf course for free. All money raised is going towards Veterans program. There will be a few expenses for prizes.

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5. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND ADVISORY MEMBERS

The next Veterans Advisory Board Meeting is on August 21st at 5:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 10:23 a.m.

Chris Calvert, Chair

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Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer for Byers Organizational Support Services

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