



VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION September 14, 2020 Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman John Gonzales called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Gonzales led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Chairman Gonzales

Roll Call

Present: Roll call was recorded on a sign-in sheet.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes from the March 2020 meeting were presented.

Public Comments

There was mention of several recent resignations including Michael Sanchez and Garrett Kasper. Two new members of the commission introduced themselves: Kerry (Mike) Sloan and Victor Ponce. Alderman Terri Violet was welcomed as the Aldermanic Liaison

Chairman Gonzales spoke about the swearing in of new recruits at the September 10th Board of Aldermen meeting along with the cancellation of the Veterans Day and Pearl Harbor Day events. St. Peters Television (SPTV) will air a special tribute on November 11, 2020 at 10 a.m. which will be available on demand at www.sptvnow.net.

The Veterans Hall of Honor was discussed including the cost to sponsor a Veteran and the application process.

There will be a POW-MIA National Day of Remembrance Candlelight Vigil at O'Fallon Veteran Walk on Sept. 18, 2020.

Alderman Patrick Barclay spoke about two items: getting the commission involved with the Cheer Committee to work with local nursing homes or calling area Veterans and the Buddy Check 22 program that promotes mental health for Veterans.

Hall of Honor Application Review

There were a total of nine Veterans Hall of Honor applications reviewed by the commission. There were inquiries about the status of an updated application that clearly defines the residency requirement.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5 @ 7 p.m. at St. Peters Cultural Arts Centre.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Date