



Fishers Armed Services Commission
Minutes
4/11/2023

BOARD/COMMISSION: Fishers Armed Services Commission Meeting

DATE: 4/11/2023

DIRECTIONS: Fishers Pavilion Conference Room, 10 Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance – El Ahlwardt

Meeting was called to order at 4:07p.m. by El Ahlwardt.

2. Roll Call - Eddie Rivers

- a) Commission members Jim White, El Ahlwardt, Eddie Rivers, George Stavropoulos, Elliott Hultgren, Leah McGrath (virtual), Matthew Rapp, Kyle Fisher, Tiffany Ditlevson were present.
- b) Javyer Burtner, Nicola McNab were absent.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
-) Motion to approve: Elliott Hultgren
- ii) Seconded George Stavropoulos
- iii) Vote: 8 yay, 0 nay. Motion passes.

4. Unfinished/New Business

- a. Country & Community Service Award Memorial Update, Elliott Hultgren

Meeting with City of Fishers staff and design firm was held in March. Site review is being conducted.

- ii) Estimated timeline by Q4 2023.
- iii) Potential dedication of the location in 2023 ahead of the start of construction.
- iv) The Commission desires to conduct the dedication no later than November 2023. Updates will be provided at the May FASC Meeting.

- b. Event Updates

- i) Memorial Day Ceremony, May 29
- ii) Gold Star Mothers Day, September 24
- iii) Veterans Day Ceremony, November 11

- i) Memorial Day Ceremony, May 29
 - (1) Speaker: General Tom Montgomery, based in Britton Falls
 - (2) Reserve Pavilion Conference Room for respite location
- ii) Gold Star Mothers Day, September 24
 - (1) Recognized via social media
 - (2) Place wreath, flowers
 - (3) Create shifts for FASC to host 4/11/2023 – Fishers Armed Services Commission -
- iii) Veterans Day Ceremony, November 10
 - (1) Note the event is moved to Friday, November 10 at 11 a.m.
 - (2) Pending confirmation with the YMCA for location
 - (3) FASC members are encouraged to provide speaker ideas for Veterans Day

c. Lunch for CoF staff (veterans, reservists, Guard members), George Stavropolous

- i) Proposal for FASC to host luncheon the Tuesday following Memorial Day (May 30).
- ii) Opportunity to share with active duty, veterans, retired Armed Services members, the supports and services for them.
- iii) Proposed for Veterans Day timeframe. Elliott to take as an action item to determine a good date and participation.

d. Submission of Agenda Items, El Ahlwardt

FASC members to provide any agenda items for consideration prior to the agenda planning meeting held two weeks prior to meeting dates.

5. Old Business

a. Vietnam Veterans Day Ceremony ([video](#))

Suggested change to distribution of veterans pins to only distribute Vietnam Veterans pins on Vietnam Veterans Day ceremonies in the future. Both versions of the pins will be distributed at Veterans Day.

6. Member/Guest Updates

a) Matthew Rapp presented on a succession planning for the high school student representation. Plans to have a name for recommendation at the May meeting. Students will alternate between high schools with one senior and one junior. The senior will be the voting member with the junior being non-voting.

b) Matthew Rapp presented on the topic of honoring graduating high school students going into active duty. He has procured a set of graduation cords to indicate the association. FASC plans to host the graduating seniors for a dinner to present the cords ahead of graduation. Proposed for Knowledge Services, Leah McGrath to take this action to confirm. Elliott and Ashley will follow up from the City's side.

c) El presented talking points included in the Vietnam Veterans Day program that represent the FASC.

7. Adjournment

a) The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

b) Next meeting: May 9