

## **Citizen's Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

**March 14, 2023**

**6:00 p.m.**

The meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present from left to right: Roy Estes, Yvonne Shanklin, Kristen Sallberg, Ray Nelson, and Jennifer Sweeney.

**1. Called to Order**

This meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Sallberg at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was recited by the membership in attendance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Sallberg asked to approve the agenda. Mr. Estes made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Nelson seconded it.

**4. Mayor's Minutes Topics**

**By Mayor Pro Tem Andrew Rencich**

**4.1 Arbor Day Tree Dedication Ceremony-** Mayor Pro Tem Rencich reminded everyone in attendance that the dedicating ceremony is on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Environment Center. There is a proposed timeline for the event, and he would like the committee to put the plans in motion to move forward.

[ Ms. Sallberg interrupts Mr. Rencich to introduce Ray Nelson as the new CAC member to replace Ryan Knox]

**Open Discussion on Arbor Day and Memorial for Joshua Kreiser**

Ms. Sallberg gives a summary to the audience and members on what the dedication is for and the plans that have been put into place regarding the citizen who lost their lives and the way he will be remembered. At the next meeting, they will finalize the minister who is performing the invocation and the committee member who will be in attendance. Roy Estes can be the backup if no one else is able to attend.

**Action Item-**

### Approval of the minutes:

- Ms. Sallberg advised the committee to make a motion to approve the November minutes. Ms. Shanklin approved the minutes and Ms. Sweeney seconded the motion.
- Ms. Sallberg advised the committee to make a motion to approve the January minutes. Mr. Estes approved the minutes and Mr. Nelson seconded the motion.

#### **4.2 Narcan Training Event-** Mayor Pro Tem Rencich reminded everyone of the Narcan Event on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Crestview Community Center.

**(Chance interjected)** There will be two classes, one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 6:00 p.m. Each training will be 30 minutes to an hour. Everyone over the age of 18 can participate. The Health Department will hand out 2 doses (1 box) of Narcan to the public.

### Guest Speakers

5. **Mr. Charles Reynolds from Hub City Basketball** spoke on his organization that was started in 2021 where they decided to change the core foundation of youth in sports in the city. Using their platform to show the organizations around the area that youth are more than sport. This organization uses community service and family values to teach these young adults how to face adversity in athletics. Mr. Reynolds and his coaches shape these young adults to be accountable for their actions by showing them the healthy side of competitiveness. They teach them to know their worth so as not to succumb to the antics of bullies. Reach out to them via Facebook.
6. **Ms. Diane Freeman from A Bed for Me** is a 501-3C that provides beds for the youth in Okaloosa and Walton County. The organization has volunteers that work to help make sure that all children have a place to sleep. They operate on donations. The beds provided are twin sizes that can easily fold and be placed in the back of a vehicle. The organization provides the bed, mattress, pillows, and bedding. The organization encourages the children to provide information on their hobbies and favorite colors so that they are able to pick out designs specified to their tastes. They are only able to provide to a child one time and provide around 60 beds per month to families in need in the Okaloosa and Walton County area. Reach out via their website.
7. **Chance has some items to remind the committee and public about.**
  - 7.1 Easter Egg Hunt is April 1<sup>st</sup> at Twin Hills Park starting at 9:00 a.m.
  - 7.2 Ribbon cutting for the firefighter tower, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.
  - 7.3 The Strategic Planning Event is on March 29<sup>th</sup>; this is a public meeting, but only those invited get to participate.
  - 7.4 The Olympic Torch Run is also on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. and starts at the North Publix to Warriors Hall.

7.5 Triple B and Touch a Truck are on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Triple B is on Main Street and Touch a Truck is at the library.

7.6 The mayor put together the Ecumenical Easter Service at Old Spanish Trail on Easter Sunday at 6:30 a.m.

**Closing Remarks**

Ray Nelson to introduce himself- He came to the area in 1993, retired from the Military in 2005, and has been working on Hurlburt AFB since his retirement.

**Adjournment**

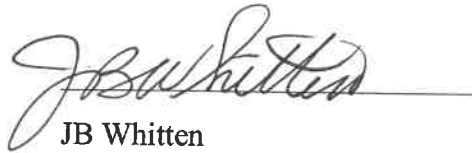
Roy Estes makes a motion to adjourn; Ray Nelson seconds the motion; and the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes approve this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



De'Carlo Garcia

Chair



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Mayor

Minutes submitted by,

Dominique Vaughn, Executive Assistant