

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 07 - 123

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CREATING THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR OBJECTIVES OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR TERMS OF MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR RULES OF PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, there are many veterans and various groups located with the City of Bonita Springs, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Purple Heart Association, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary; and

WHEREAS, Bonita Springs City Council desires to create a Veteran's Advisory Committee to meet before Memorial Day, July 4th and Armistice Day so that activities sponsored by the various veteran groups and the City of Bonita Springs are coordinated efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Bonita Springs Veteran's Advisory Committee can evaluate, monitor and advise the City Council about veteran's affairs as its relates to Bonita Springs veterans with their interactions with the Lee County Veterani's Service Office, the Veterans' Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Veteran's Advisory Committee can administer the Gold Star/Blue Star Mother Flag Display Program for the City of Bonita Springs and act as a resource agency for setting standards for the flying of our National Flag and other flags flown with it, working with the business community and other local groups in setting flag standards for flying the proper direction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Bonita Springs Council that:

SECTION ONE: CREATION OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City of Bonita Springs thereby creates the City of Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Committee (Veterans Advisory Committee).

SECTION TWO: OBJECTIVES OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. The Veterans Advisory Committee will provide input to the City Council regarding issues affecting Veterans, their families and the public.

B. The Veterans Advisory Committee will be responsible for certain programs and

special events, to have coordinated efforts.

SECTION THREE: APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION

- A. The Veterans Advisory Committee will consist of seven appointed members of the City, each to hold the following seat:
 1. Member of the American Legion
 2. Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars
 3. Member of the Purple Heart Association
 4. Member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary
 5. Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary
 6. Veteran Member at Large
 7. Veteran Member at Large
- B. Vacancies shall be filled within thirty days in the same manner as original appointments.
- C. Members of the Veterans Advisory Committee shall be removed and replaced by City Council if they fail to attend three (3) consecutive meetings unexcused.
- D. The City Manager will be responsible for providing staff and assistance for the Veterans Advisory Committee.

SECTION FOUR: DUTIES OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- A. The Veterans Advisory Committee shall meet for the purpose of organization within thirty days after the appointments have been made. The Mayor shall appoint the Chair and the Veterans Advisory Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair from among its membership.
- B. Further meetings of the Veterans Advisory Committee shall be held on the call of the Chair. All meetings shall be open to the public. A majority of the members of the Veterans Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Veterans Advisory Committee may adopt such other rules for its operation and proceedings, as it deems desirable.
- C. The Committee will meet four times a year on dates set by its Chairperson before the major holidays of Memorial Day, July 4th, Armistice Day and one other date to be selected by the Committee.
- D. The Committee will evaluate, monitor and then advise the City Council about veteran's affairs as it relates to the veterans of Bonita Springs in dealings with the Veterans' Administration, the State and County Veterans Agents and the City of Bonita Springs.
- E. The Committee will assist the American Legion Auxiliary in the administration of the Gold Star/Blue Star Mother Flag Display Program in the City of Bonita Springs.

- F. The Veterans Advisory Committee will act as a resource agency for setting standards for the flying of our National Flag and other flags flown with it. This Committee will work with the business community and other local groups in setting flag standards for flying, maintaining and arranging programs for the proper destruction.
- G. Perform other veteran and flag duties as the City Council would require from time to time.
- H. Make a presentation to the City Council at least once a year to report the status of veterans' programs within the city.
- I. The Committee will work closely with city staff, especially the Mayor's Office and the Special Events Coordinator on all city projects relative to Memorial Day, July 4th, and Armistice Day.
- J. With the establishment by Resolution of a special account for Veteran Special Events, may seek to raise funds for these special events sponsored by the City of Bonita Springs.
- K. To assist in finding volunteers for commemorate internment sites on Veteran's holidays.

SECTION FIVE: TERM OF MEMBERS

The term of the Veterans Advisory Committee will be from the date of appointment until dissolution.

SECTION SIX: RULES OF PROCEDURE

- A. The Veterans Advisory Committee shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Florida Sunshine law and the Public Records law, and may adopt additional procedures of operation provided; there is no conflict with state or municipal law.
- B. The conduct of the meetings will be generally informal. If there is a question as to parliamentary procedures, the Chair, at his or her discretion, may use Robert's Rules of Order to address the issue.
- C. The Veterans Advisory Commission will serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary expenses pursuant to general law.

SECTION SEVEN: DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER


The duties of the City Manager, or his designee, shall serve as the staff liaison and give technical and policy advisories to the Veterans Advisory Commission.

SECTION EIGHT: EFFECTIVE DATE


This Resolution shall become effective immediately on its adoption by the City Council at its regular meeting.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Bonita Springs, Lee County, Florida, this 7th day of November, 2007.


AUTHENTICATION:



Mayor



City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

City Attorney

Vote:

Arend	Aye	McCourt	Aye
Ferreira	Aye	Nelson	Aye
Grantt	Aye	Simons	Aye
Joyce	Aye		

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