Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting May 20, 2022 10:00AM



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CITY MANAGER Tommy Gonzalez Notice is hereby given that a VIRTUAL meeting of the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso will be conducted on May 20, 2022, at 10:00 AM MST.

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the committee during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

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The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda before the start of this meeting by emailing the following:

AlbrightPD@elpasotexas.gov

The following members of the VAAC will be present via video conference:

Chairman Lance Lehr, Vice-Chairman Bruce Biegel, Secretary Laura Butler, and Committee Members: Rodney Washington, Jonathan Bohannon, Justin Rotti, Victor Casas, and Melissa Harcrow.

District 2 is Vacant

A quorum of the VAAC must participate in the meeting.

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Roll Call.
- 3. Discussion and Action to Approve Minutes of: April 15, 2022.
- 4. Citizen Comment Period: Individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken.
- 5. El Paso VA Health Care Clinic Update Acting Director Mark Rielo
- 6. El Paso County Veterans Assistance Program Manager Carl Dwyer.
- 7. Community Update:
 - a. El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board Chair update Alexis McCray.
 - b. El Paso Coalition for the Homeless update- Camille Castillo
- **8. Discussion and Action:** Assign new Committee members to Subcommittees.
- 9. Discussion: Subcommittee Chairs update on assigned focus areas.

Bruce Biegel – Employment
Melissa Harcrow – Homelessness
Rodney Washington – Marketing and Outreach

- 10. Division of Veteran and Military Affairs Update.
- **11. Announcements:** Limited to Veteran and Military Events pertinent to the El Paso Region.
- 12. Next VAAC Meeting: June 17, 2022, at 10:00 AM MDT Virtual Meeting online.
- 13. Adjourn.

VAAC Subcommittees

Employment – Bruce Biegel (Chair), Laura Butler, Rodney Washington Homelessness – Melissa Harcrow (Chair), Justin Rotti, Jonathon Bohannon, Marketing / Outreach – Rodney Washington (Chair) Laura Butler, Jonathon Bohannon

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Veterans Affairs Advisory Community of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meeting Act.) The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY
Section 551.072 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY
Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFTS
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

NEGOTIATIONS

Sign Language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to the Community Development department at phone number 915-212-1654 a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting. Copies of these Minutes will be provided in Braille, large print or audiotape upon request. Requests must be made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting.

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