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Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

January 17th 2020 – 10:00 am
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1, Main Room

MINUTES

Members Present

Lance Lehr
Bruce Biegel
Andrea Hutchins
Hope Jackson
Reginald Daniel
Dean Sanders

Members Absent

Todd Miller

Unfilled Positions

District 3

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 am.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call:** *Quorum.*

4. **Citizen Comment Period:** Stephen Norberg from the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 844 is interested in extending the American Contract Bridge League to Ft. Bliss Soldiers.

Discussion: Chief Military officer and the VAAC Chairman will reach out to FT. Bliss MWR to assist with the effort

Mike Osborne Adaptive Cycles Plus made the Committee aware of the Cycling services his Nonprofit organization provides to Disabled veterans. He provides Cycles to veterans to ride in various locations on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Action: Place the organization on the City's Veterans Resource website.

5. **Community Updates:** none

6. **Discussion and Action to approve minutes of November 25, 2019:** Minutes approved.

7. Discussion and Action on absent or Show VAAC Members: Motion and Second to approve excused absences of Todd Miller District 7.

8. Discussion and Action: Vote on New Secretary.

- Action: Motioned and Seconded to approve Reginald Daniel (District 4) for VAAC Secretary

9. Discussion and Action: Assign VAAC Sub-committees for new members.

- Reginald Daniel- Homelessness
- Dean Sanders- Marketing and Outreach

10. Discussion and Action: Semi Annual Brief to Mayor and Council

- Discussion to brief during the working session of Council on Feb 3rd.

11. Discussion and Action: Update from El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board.

- County Veterans Needs Assessment
- Financial Assistance is still available at the Veterans Assistance Office
- Discussion on Applying for Mental Health Assistance Grant through TVC

12. Veterans and Military Affairs Update:

- Update on the Veterans Resources Website.
- Currently have four Bridge Fellows
- Discussion on Veteran Employment Preference Programs with the City. Meetings set up to adopt measures from Texas State Bill 805.
- Discussion to ask City Council to adopt a goal of hiring 20% Veteran workforce.
- Discussion to count the number of Veteran Spouses to include Gold Star Spouses employed by the City.
- Discussion on the Importance of Intergovernmental Support Agreements between Ft. Bliss and El Paso.

15. Announcements: None

16. Next VAAC Meeting: February 21, 2020 10:00 am City Hall, Main room 2nd Floor.

17. Adjourn: 10:55 AM

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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

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