

Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

January 29, 2018 – 11:00 am 300 N. Campbell – CITY 1 Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present

Efren Montelongo
Lynn Westwood
Joe Fierro
Donald Crawford
Lance Lehr
Bill Sparks
Ed Fleming
Daisy Ramos
Ian Hanna

Members Absent Bruce Beigal (Excused)

- 1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 11:01am
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call: Quorum
- 4. **Citizen Comment Period** (individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken)

 No public comment

Community Updates

Sun Metro Brief from Raul Escobedo on Veterans Transportation Program

Bill Sparks: Have there been any difficulties or problems?

Raul Escobedo: Agenices needing flyers and individuals trying to renew passes on the bus. Must go back to supporting agency.

Ian Hanna: How does an agency become a qualifying agency to determine a need?

Raul Escobedo: They would send Sun Metro request documentation and they would ask for the 13c non profit. VA receives no discount for passes.

Community Development- Nicole Ferrini/ Camillie Castillo- El Paso Homeless Coalition

Nicole Ferrini: Affordable Housing/ Homelessness

Camilee Castillo: Veterans Issues... Lack of ID or SS Cards. Maximizing resources for Veterans.

- 6. **Discussion and Action to approve minutes:** Motion and Second to approvements.
- 7. Redefine Sub Committees:

Housing: Daisy Ramos, Ian Hanna, Ed Flemming, Bill Sparks

Employment: Ed Flemming, Joe Fierro, Lance Lehr, Donald Crawford

Marketing/ Communications: Lynn Westwood, Joe Fierro, Donald Crawford, Lance Lehr

- 8. Report to City Council March 6, 2018
- 9. Identification and discussion of items for future agendas.
- Next Meeting VAAC Meeting February 26, 2018 at 11am
- 11. Adjourn

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 Committee 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 any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY

Section 551.072 DELIBERATION 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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