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Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

March 26, 2018 – 11:00 am
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1
Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present

Efren Montelongo
Lynn Westwood
Joe Fierro
Lance Lehr
Bill Sparks
Daisy Ramos

Members Absent

Bruce Beigal
Donald Crawford
Ed Fleming
Ian Hanna

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 11:15am
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** *Quorum*
4. **Citizen Comment Period** (individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken) None
5. **Community Updates:** City Facebook Updates
6. **Discussion and Action to approve minutes:** Motion and Second to approve
7. **Discussion and Action for Approved Absences for February:** Motion and Second to approve
Absences - Bruce Beigal, Lance Lehr, Ed Fleming
8. **Meeting Discussion**
Discussion pertaining to City Council Presentation-March 6, 2018
Veteran Friendly branding on City webpage
George Whitmire- Collection of funds for possible homeless building through Ray Rivera
Adding Calendar to Veterans Resource page for Veterans events
Homeless Shelter/ Housing Funding
George Whitmire- Veteran Friendly vs. Veteran Ready
4,320 soldiers transitioning yearly from Ft. Bliss
 - Ft. Bliss - 31% Stay in El Paso
 - Ft. Hood - 68% Stay in Killeen
 - Joint Base San Antonio - 73% Stay in San AntonioMission Continues/ Next Stop Veterans visit to El Paso in April
Combined Arms coming to El Paso
Disabled Veteran License Plate Issues/ Ordinance

9. **Speakers for Sub-Committees:**

Homeless Initiative: *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*

10. **Report to City Council – September 2018**

11. **Identification and discussion of items for future agendas:** Add Veterans Calendar to Veterans Resource Website.

12. **Announcements**

Combined Arms Meeting- March 27th 2pm, Wells Fargo Building

Wounded Warrior Project Hiring Fair- April 10th 9:30am – 2:30pm, 9565 Diana

Bunker Labs

Veterans Treatment Court Graduation-March 28th 3:30pm, County Court House 346th District Court

Congressman O'Rourke Town Hall-April 2nd 2pm-3pm, 7000 Dyer St.

12. **Next Meeting – VAAC Meeting April 23, 2018 at 11am**

13. **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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