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## Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

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April 23, 2018 – 11:00 am  
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1  
Council Chambers

### MINUTES

#### Members Present

Lynn Westwood  
Lance Lehr  
Bill Sparks  
Ian Hanna  
Donald Crawford  
Ed Fleming

#### Members Absent

Bruce Beigal  
Daisy Ramos  
Joe Fierro  
Efren Montelongo

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) None
5. **Community Updates:** None
6. **Discussion and Action to approve minutes:** Motion and Second to approve
7. **Discussion and Action for Approved Absences for March:** Motion and Second to approve  
Excused Absences - Bruce Beigal, Donald Crawford, Ed Fleming, Ian Hanna
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 Antonio

Mission 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**

AUSA Awards Banquet May 24<sup>th</sup> 6pm, Centennial Conference Center Spec. Guest Kyle White- M.O.H.

The Mission Continues- Veterans Volunteer Organization -Coming to El Paso in May

Medical Record Website- National Archives

Veterans Business Association Breakfast May 23<sup>rd</sup> at EPPC on Viscount

Veterans at Breakfast April 26<sup>th</sup> 8am, 9565 Diana

Combined Arms Meeting- March 27<sup>th</sup> 2pm, Wells Fargo Building

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

Bunker Labs

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

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

**12. Next Meeting – VAAC Meeting May 21, 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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