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Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

June 28th, 2019 – 11:00 am
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1, Council Chambers

MINUTES

Members Present

Lance Lehr
Efren Montelongo
Joe Fierro
Donald Crawford
Todd Miller
Ed Fleming
Nathaniel Chaney
Bruce Biegel
Ian Hanna

Members Absent

Lynn Westbrook

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

4. **Citizen Comment Period:** Presentation by National University presented by the department of Veteran and Military Outreach Danielle Malloy and Nathalia Rodriquez.

- Discussion on Educational Opportunities provided by the NU to Veterans and Military members from Associate to Master Degrees.

5. **Community Updates:** Strategic Plan 2020 presented by Director of Community and Human Development Nicole Ferrini.

- Discussion on Economic Development targeting specific Industry to retain veteran and Military through Employment opportunities.
- Discussion on emergency, temporary, and permanent shelters for Veteran Homeless to be included in a comprehensive housing strategy.
- Discussion on the creation of a new War memorial in downtown El Paso.

- Discussion on the inclusion of Veterans into the Strategic Plan 2020 and 2025. Goals must include language that specifically support the Veteran population.

6. Discussion and Action to approve minutes of May 20th 2019: Minutes approved

7. Discussion and Action on Absent or Show VAAC Members: Motion and Second to approve Excused Absences from May 20th 2019. Lynn Westbrook.

8. Discussion and Action: Report to City Council – July 9th, 2019.

- Discussion and Action to Change the presentation to council to July 22nd 2019. Action Motioned and Approved.

9. Discussion: Update from El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board, Efren Montelongo.

- Discussion on County Needs Assessment.
- Discussion on County Veteran in Need Grant.
- Discussion on the Veteran of the Year / Wall of Honor Ceremony.

10. Discussion and Action: Action to match the County contribution for the Veterans Needs Assessment. Motioned and Approved. Other items tabled until next meeting.

- Homeless Initiative
- Employment
- Marketing / Community Outreach

11. Veteran and Military Affairs Update:

- Discussion to inform the Public that the DVMA City Website is Active.
- Discussion to inform of the many programs and events attended and supported.
- Discussion on the unaccepted MOU for the inclusion of The Bridge Program as an Army Career Skills Program.

12. Announcements: Bruce Biegel announced each member should bring Veterans to the Committee meetings. Joe Fierro termed out and was highly thanked for his time and contributions over the last 4 years.

13. Next VAAC Meeting: September, 23rd, 2019 11:00 am City Hall, Main room 2nd Floor.

14. Adjourn: 12:15 pm

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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.

POSTED THIS 26th DAY OF August AT 1130 BY PAUL ALBRIGHT.