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Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

September 23rd, 2019 – 11:00 am
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1, Main Room

MINUTES

Members Present

Lance Lehr
Ian Hanna
Ed Fleming
Nathaniel Chaney
Bruce Biegel

Members Absent

Todd Miller
Andrea Hutchins
Hope Jackson

Unfilled Positions

District 3

1. Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order at 11:00 am. Motion and second to suspend start time in order to reach quorum. Called to order at 11:10.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: *No Quorum*. Quorum Reached at 11:35am at Item 5 on the Agenda

4. Citizen Comment Period: Claudia Lujan City of El Paso HR Assistant Director Invitation for VAAC members to attend the City Employees Veteran Luncheon November 7th.

Michael Velez- Military Families & Veterans Prevention Program (The Child Crisis Center of El Paso)

Michael Osborne – Adaptive Cycle Plus. Cycles for Veterans with Disabilities.

5. Community Updates: Presentation from Sandra Limon Team RWB.

- Discussion on how the Team RWB enriches the lives of America's veterans by connecting them through physical and social activity. Organization of 2000 members in El Paso.

- Discussion about the structure and benefits of the organization. Not just for veterans, not a running club, not competitive. It is a no cost networking and social organization designed to motivate and inspire people.
- Minimum age to join the website is age 14 and people can view the schedule of events up to 30 days out. Next event is in Socorro to march in the Veterans Day parade.

6. Discussion and Action to approve minutes of August 19th, 2019: Minutes approved

7. Discussion and Action on absent or Show VAAC Members: Motion and Second to approve Excused Absences of Ian Hanna District 8.

8. Discussion and Action: Assign VAAC Sub Committees

-Employment; Education, Homelessness, Marketing/ Outreach

- Education: Nate Chaney, Ed Fleming
- Employment: Bruce Biegel
- Homelessness: Ed Fleming Nate Chaney
- Marketing / Outreach: Lance Lehr

-Action: meet to develop strategic plan for focus areas Wednesday October 9th 2019.

9. Discussion on Hotel Voucher System:

- City will introduce a Hotel voucher system that will allow specific Veteran Support Organizations, Social Service Organizations, and the Hotel / Motel Association to place a Homeless Veteran into a hotel while they wait for emergency assistance to begin. Specific restrictions and Time limits will apply.

10. Discussion 2020 Annual Meeting Schedule and Presentation to Council

- Discussion to change meeting frequency or keep consistent.

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

- Discussion on the status of the County Needs Assessment. Assessment Project will be voted on in Commissioners Court on October 28th, 2019.

11. Veteran and Military Affairs Update:

- Will produce a Veterans PSA targeted toward the Military and Veterans who currently reside and who want to reside in El Paso. This will be released across DOD channels and accompany Military relocation programs as well as local media channels.
- Briefed the DVMA Strategic Plan to the Mayor, City manager, and the El Paso Armed Forces Chamber of Commerce.
- Military Healthcare Transition Program being developed through the Medical Center of Americas and Texas Tech University. 1 year curriculum to target transitioning Healthcare Soldiers into a nursing program.

12. Announcements: Ft. Bliss Retirement Appreciation Day September 28th

Veterans Thanksgiving Dinner at EPCC. Need food items!

13. Next VAAC Meeting: October 28,, 2019 11:00 am City Hall, Main room 2nd Floor.

14. Adjourn: 12:19 pm

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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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