

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2019
Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.
AMC Eagle Conference Room

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Veterans' Affairs Commission was called to order at 6:00 by Chair Francis
- II. **PRAYER**
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS:**
- **Present:** Chair Francis, Vice Chair Aleem, Commissioners Bruno, Chase, Jr., Donaldson, Dyer, Echols, and Mulder.
 - **Absent:** Commissioners Burrell and Camara.
 - **Staff:** Claudine McDonald, Manager, Community Relations, and Traci Burton.
- V. **GUESTS:** Barbara Shafer, Antoinette Dow, Joe Zmugg, Bernard Benton, and Dick Fulton.
- VI. **GUESTS SPEAKERS:** Antoinette Dow, Providers Resource-Providers Resource serves approximately 450 veterans. Primarily, the program assists veterans and their families with furniture, such as beds and bedding. This program also includes hiring veterans and assisting the homeless veterans in Colorado. Veterans and their families that qualify can receive a voucher once a year. **Barbara Shafer, City of Aurora, City Clerk Analyst**-There are 30 Boards and Commissions within the City of Aurora. Providing a DD214 is a new requirement for the application process. The Sunshine Law and Roberts Rules of Order are used for meetings. She thanked the Commissioner's for taking time to sit on the VAC Commission.
- VII. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Moved to approve the minutes by Commissioner Donaldson and seconded by Commissioner Dyer. April minutes approved and signed by Chair Francis.
- VIII. **STAFF REPORT-Claudine McDonald:** The VAC will have the opportunity to use SharePoint. This will provide electronic documents and save on printing costs. The use of social media is being researched. Landfill vouchers have all been claimed. The Human Relations Committee and the International Cross Cultural Network of Aurora (ICCNA) Committee will participate in an outreach called "How to be a Good Neighbor". The VAC has an opportunity to provide information for this outreach. "How to be a Good Neighbor to a Veteran". The Aurora City Tour is available upon request.
- IX. **CHAIR REPORT-Chair Francis-**Commissioner Aleem is the new Vice Chair. The VAC will lay a wreath and read a proclamation at the Freedom Memorial on May 25th. Radon awareness is available from the EPA. This is an opportunity to form a subcommittee to partner with the EPA. She attended the Civil Service Commission and Ward Meetings to introduce herself. The donation letter for Stand Down is waiting for approval.
- X. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
- City Council Liaison-Commissioner Echols-**Citywide events are a great way for Commissioners to network with City Council Members.
- Economic Development-Commissioner Camara-**No report.
- Public Outreach-Commissioner Mulder-**Attended the NAACP meeting.
- Special Events-Commissioner Chase-**The next Stand Down meeting is scheduled May 16, 2019 at the Heritage Christian Center.
- Budget-Commissioner Donaldson-**She will prepare a budget for next month's meeting.
- Doing Business with the City of Aurora-Vice Chair Aleem-**Vice Chair Aleem will Chair this subcommittee. Members include Chair Francis, Commissioner Chase, and Brian Johnson. An Office of Purchasing Services packet was provided to Commissioners. The objective of this subcommittee is



to assist veterans with small business opportunities. Vice Chair Aleem has support from Council Member Jonny Watson, At Large.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Research on Existing Organizations –Claudine McDonald**-Website is now active.
- **Stand Down-Commissioner Chase**-Updates in the Special Events Report.
- **National Debt Presentation –Claudine McDonald** – She will research placement of the display in the Aurora Municipal Center.
- **Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)-May 10th-19th, Gaylord Rockies Resort and Convention Center-Dick Fulton, Executive Director**-Ribbon cutting ceremony/BBQ, Saturday, May 18th at the VA Hospital. He will send a RSVP link to Chair Francis.
- **MVEE Job Fair-Commissioner Dyer**-The invoice will be for 62 tables. No chairs. The cost to use Heritage Christian Center was \$1500.00.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: Chair Francis encouraged the Commissioners to join a subcommittee. Commissioners need to present a three to five year plan to their City Council Member.


XII. NEW BUSINESS: Memorial Freedom Event, May 25, 2019, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

XIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Bruno-Honoring veteran’s football game. Rangeview High School vs. Smokey Hill High School, Sept 7, 2019.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Francis: The Veterans’ Affairs Commission adjourned at 7:23 p. m.

Minutes Transcribed by: Traci Burton on June 4, 2019

Approved: 
Chair Francis

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., 4th Floor Eagle Room, Phone 303-326-8909

DATES TO REMEMBER

Aurora Community of Faith (ACOF)	Thursday June 20, 2019 @ 11:30 AM	Sand Creek Room, 4 th Floor
Race Forum Meeting	Thursday June 20, 2019 @ 6:00 PM	Sand Creek Room, 4 th Floor
Aurora Key Community Response Team (AKCRT)	Tuesday July 2, 2019 @ 8:00AM	Aurora Room, 1 st Floor
Humans Relations Commission (HRC)	Wednesday July 3, 2019 @ 6:00 PM	Aspen Room, 2 nd Floor