



Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes June 12, 2020

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Aleem

Location: Online via WebEx

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Aleem, Charlip, Chase, Francis, Savage, Donaldson

Absent: Commissioners Burrell, Dallas, Echols, Sayouthasad

Quorum: Yes

City Liaison(s): Claudine McDonald, Manager, Aruny Phanekham, Admin. Specialist, Joshua Nicholas, Sr. Community Engagement Specialist

Guests: n/a

Minutes: Commissioner Charlip moved to approve the March 12, 2020 minutes, seconded by Vice Chair Chase. Minutes were approved without objection.

Public Invited to Speak: n/a

Presentations: n/a

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action Items & Responsible Person
Chair Report: Chair Aleem	- welcomed commissioners back from COVID-19 hiatus and thanked the group for their support. - provided commission with brief overview of PRCTLBCCG presentation which will take place Wednesday, June 17 th .	
Staff Report: Claudine McDonald	- provided various Community Relations updates to include: CRD move to Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, reschedule/cancellation of 2020 CRD events, and Aurora Mobile Food Pantry. - no updates on Veteran’s Assistant Grant application	
Committee Reports:	- City Council: Commissioner Echols: no report due to COVID-19 hiatus. - Economic Development: Not assigned: no report due to COVID-19 hiatus. - Public outreach: Commissioner Francis: no report due to COVID-19 hiatus. - Special events: Not assigned. No report due to COVID-19 hiatus. - Budget: Not assigned. No report due to COVID-19 hiatus.	



Unfinished Business:	Elections: Two vacancies remain on the VAC – one voting position and an alternate position. Job Fair: no event due to COVID, tabled until 2021. Commissioner Charlip requested that work instructions, strategic plan, and budget be added to the July agenda for further discussion.	- CRD to have budget summary ready for July 2020 VAC meeting.
New Business:	Stand Down: original date 10.22, Vice Chair Chase offered the idea of doing smaller events to continue to stay involved in the community. Claudine suggested a focus on food distribution. Scope and size of event will be revisited once determination of VAG grant is made and health regulations regarding COVID-19 are reviewed.	
Announcements:	Next VAC meeting will be via WebEx.	

Meeting Adjourned: 7:12 p.m.

Next meeting: The next VAC meeting will be held on August 13, 2020 via WebEx

Minutes transcribed by Joshua Nicholas on July 1, 2020 at 10:55 a.m.

APPROVED: Watik Aleem (via WebEx)

Date: July 9, 2020



City of Aurora Meetings, Calendar of Events, and Community Resources

Meetings

- City council
https://www.auroragov.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1881137/File/City%20Hall/Mayor%20%20City%20Council/Council%20Meetings/2020-Council-Calendar-Final-Adopted-12-16-19.pdf
- Ward town hall meetings
https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/town_meetings

Events

- City of Aurora calendar of events
<https://www.auroragov.org/calendar>

Community Resources

- COVID-19
<https://www.auroragov.org/cms/one.aspx?pageId=16539096>
- Aurora Police Department blog
<https://www.auroragov.org/blog/One.aspx?portalId=2869361>