



**Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2020**

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

Location: Online via WebEx

Roll Call:

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

Absent: Commissioners Burrell, Echols, Sayouthasad

Quorum: Yes

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

Guests: Holly Van Liere, Dept. of Labor; Brian Johnson, Wounded Warrior

Minutes: Commissioner Charlip moved to approve the June 11, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Savage; minutes approved without objection.

Public Invited to Speak: n/a

Presentations: Holly Van Liere, Dept. of Labor

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
<p>Chair Report: Chair Aleem</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • congratulants to Vice Chair Chase on his recent appointment to the city of Aurora Police Task Force. • Jim Twombly, Aurora City Manager, will be guest speaker at Aug. 2020 VAC meeting. 	
<p>Staff Report: Claudine McDonald</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provided various Community Relations updates to include: Aurora Mobile Food Pantry, First Amendment demonstrations, Space Force Ordinance, and VAC budget as of July 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Charlip and Savage inquired about the Space Force Ordinance as it did not include “Uniformed Services” to cover the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Officer Corps. • provided high-level overview of Veteran’s Assistance Grant which was awarded to the commission to support 2020 Stand Down. CRD staff to have training on VAG grant and will update the commission at August 2020 meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Savage asked that a copy of the grant be shared with the commission. 	<p>Claudine will work to determine if “uniformed services” can be added to VAC charter.</p> <p>Claudine & Joshua will provide commission with VAG grant update and share grant proposal.</p>



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Committee Reports:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council: Commissioner Echols: no report • Economic Development: Not assigned: no report • Public outreach: Commissioner Francis: no report • Special events: Not assigned. No report • Budget: Commissioner Donaldson. No report 	
Unfinished Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stand Down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stand Down subcommittee will soon begin meeting to plan for 2020 event. • Strategic Plan & Working Instructions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Commissioner Francis moved to postpone discussion of SP and WI to August meeting, seconded by Commissioner Donaldson; motion passed unanimously. • Pending VAC Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Commissioner Charlip moved to approved Mr. Lammon and Mr. Fox, at the recommendation of Chair and Vice Chair, for appointment to the VAC. Seconded by Commissioner Donaldson; motion passed unanimously. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vice Chair Chase will compile subcommittee roster; Aruny will send communications to subcommittee once received from Vice Chair. - Chair Aleem will share latest documents with Joshua who will then send to the commission prior to Aug. 2020 meeting. - Joshua will submit a recommendation memo to City Clerk to begin appointment process.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

Meeting Adjourned: 7:19 p.m.

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

Minutes transcribed by Joshua Nicholas on August 8, 2020 at 1:15 p.m.

Approved (print): Watik Aleem

Date: August 13, 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>
- Data & Demographics
https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/about_aurora/data_demographics