



Veterans’ Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes August 13, 2020

Meeting called to order: 6:01 p.m. by Chair Aleem

Location: online via WebEx

Roll Call:

- **Present:** Commissioners Aleem, Charlip, Chase, Francis, Savage, Donaldson, Echols, Sayouthasad
- **Absent:** Commissioner Dallas

Quorum: Yes

City staff: Claudine McDonald, Manager, Aruny Phanekham, Admin., Joshua Nicholas, Sr. Community Engagement Specialist

Minutes: Commissioner Savage moved to approve the July 9, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Chase; minutes approved without objection.

Public Invited to Speak: n/a

Guest speaker(s): Jim Twombly, Aurora City Manager

Agenda Item	Minutes	Action
Chair Report: Chair Aleem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAC voicemail will be checked on a rolling basis by commissioners beginning with Chair Aleem and continuing alphabetically. • Chair Aleem was asked to join the Colorado Veteran’s Advisory Council. • Chair Aleem was asked to join the implementation team for the Veteran’s Court which launches Jan. 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VAC voicemail instructions to be included in Sept. 2020 meeting packet. - 2020 voicemail schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept: Charlip • Oct: Chase • Nov: Dallas • Dec: Donaldson
Staff Report: Claudine McDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided CRD updates to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Amendment demonstrations ○ Aurora Mobile Food Pantry ○ Equity Champions • Provided update regarding the VAC’s charter to include reference to Space Force as a branch of the US military. 	



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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"> • VAC Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final recommendations have been made to City Council regarding the appointment of CW Fox and Jeremy Lammon to the VAC. • Stand Down <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ event: Oct. 22, 2020 ○ Ron Frazier has donated 300 backpacks ○ subcommittee to begin meeting/planning • Strategic Plan & Working Instructions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to time limitations, SP and WI will be reviewed at Sept. 2020 VAC meeting 	- Comm. Savage and Chase will provide meeting log-in information.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 p.m.

Next meeting: The next VAC meeting will be held on September 10, 2020 via WebEx.

Minutes transcribed by Joshua Nicholas on September 2, 2020 at 9:45 p.m.

Approved: electronically via WebEx

Approved: Robert Chase

Date: 09.10.2020



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

- Commitment to Care food access initiative
www.auroragov.org/CommitmentToCare
- 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