



VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING
14 October 2021, 1800-1930

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 1800 by Chairperson Ralph Charlip
Location: Virtual via WebEx
City Liaison(s): Aaron Koenigseker - Aurora Learn Supervisor

A. Standing Business (Agenda at Atch 1)

1. Call to Order/Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Chairperson Ralph Charlip called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., offered the invocation and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call (Attendance at Atch 2)
 - a. Present Commissioners: Ralph Charlip, CW Fox, Cynthia Francis, Jeremy Lammon, Melissa Sayouthasad, Nathaniel Graff, Robert Chase
 - b. Absent Commissioner(s): Watik Aleem, Gregory Echols
 - c. Quorum: Yes

3. Review Agenda
 - a. Reviewed for Approval by Chairperson Ralph Charlip
 - b. Motion to approve the September meeting minutes by Cynthia Francis, seconded by Robert Chase, approved unanimously. (Meeting Minutes at Atch 3)
 - c. Amendments: None

4. Guest Speaker(s)
 - a. Carlos Peralta, United Veterans Coalition of Colorado. Had incorrect meeting date and time, was not present and will be rescheduled.

5. Public Comment(s) – Maximum Three (3) Minutes per Person
 - a. No public present for comments

6. City Staff Report
 - a. Quarterly Financial Report (January, April, July and October)
 - 1) 31043 – Veteran’s Affairs Commission
 - i. Budget: \$3649
 - ii. Spent: \$777.80
 - iii. Remaining: \$2871, does not rollover into 2022
 - 2) 31044 – Veteran’s Affairs Projects
 - i. Balance: \$1294
 - ii. Transfers: \$500 (Veteran’s Court)
 - iii. Remaining: \$794, does rollover into 2022



- e. JROTC Collaboration (Chase)
 - a. Commissioner Chase dropped off call. No report.

10. Liaison Updates:

- a. Aurora Defense Council (Echols)
 - a. Commissioner Echols not present. No report.
- b. Colorado Freedom Memorial (Echols)
 - a. Commissioner Echols not present. Chairperson Charlip stated Rick Crandall from memorial offered to do tour for VAC 11-13 Nov at 1500; 1600 is lighting ceremony for names on memorial, VAC can assist, turn off at 2000. If interested, let Chairperson Charlip know which date you want to attend. Also let him know if not interested.
- c. Armed Forces Treatment Court (Veterans Court; Aleem)
 - a. Commissioner Aleem not present. No report.
- d. UVC (Aleem)
 - a. Commissioner Aleem not present. No report.
- e. JCF (Chase)
 - a. Commissioner Chase dropped off call. No report.

B. Old Business

- a. Rotary Service Project Partnership (Lammon)
 - i. Vice Chairperson Lammon talked with Alicia at the Sate Veterans Home in Aurora at Fitzsimmons. He discussed several ideas for partnering with the Rotary Club and his wife's insurance company: bingo night (we bring prizes, 20-25 people), social evening (we bring snacks and such, cards), and purchasing items of the list of donations from Amazon they would like (all under \$20). Vice Chairperson Lammon will follow-up with the Veterans home to get answers to several questions. (OPEN: Lammon)
- b. SWOT (Charlip)
 - i. There were no comments (CLOSED)

C. New Business

- a. VAC Inbox. The Commission has a public email address where community members can send questions. Liaison Koenigseker has access to the VAC email inbox and sent the backlog to Chairperson Charlip who responded. The commissioners agreed to handle this by each taking a month to respond to emails. Liaison Koenigseker will send emails to Chairperson Charlip or commissioner of the month. Vice Chairperson Lammon will create policy for November meeting. (OPEN: Lammon)

Adjournment

- b. The meeting adjourned at 1842



- c. Next Meeting: 11 November 2021
- d. Future Meetings:
 - i. 2021: 11 November, 9 December
 - ii. 2022: 13 January, 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 08 September, 13 October, 10 November

D. Tabled

- a. Veteran Population Study
- b. Certificate to recognize a veteran’s passing

Meeting Minutes transcribed by: Aaron Koenigseker, City Liaison

Approved: _____

Date: _____

Attachments:

- 1. Agenda



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- 2. Attendance



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- 3. Sep 2021 Meeting Minutes



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