

**MINUTES AUGUST 2022 MEETING
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Date: 8/11/2022

Start Time: 6:04 PM

End Time: 7:30

Virtual **In-Person**




1. Attendance (See attachment 1):

Topic Number	Topic	After discussion, the outcome (approval, disapproval, table, information only)	Status (Open, Closed, Information Only)	Responsible Party
6	Previous Meeting Minutes Review- Jun	Approved	Closed	Ralph Charlip
7	Public comments	N/A	Information only	Ralph Charlip
8a	Quarterly Financial Report for the previous quarter – (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	N/A	Information only	City Staff
8b	VAC Flyers in the Great Hall	Can be placed in Great Hall.	Closed	City Staff
8c	Name tags, shirts, bsns cards for new commissioners	We have not received an answer, the city is deciding if this is in their budget.	Open	City Staff
9	Vice Chairperson Report	Updated- Roster, Alternate member policy, and governing documents.	Open	Jeremy Lammon
10	Chairperson Report	Changes in support from city staff. Will be Ryan and Alicia.	Information only	Ralph Charlip
11a	Outreach, Social Media, Web Site	Flyers are being placed at Aurora Libraries during the month of August.	Open	Melissa Sayouthasad

		Adding veteran family resources to website.		
11b	VSO Engagement	<p>Vet disability seminar- 50k vets- DAV- Oct 15.</p> <p>The VAC will have a table with resource information at the event.</p> <p>Validating emails, and building a more accessible profile.</p> <p>Met with Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.</p>	Information only	Amy Hawthorne, Dwayne Davis, Cynthia Francis
12a	Aurora Defense Council	No report	N/A	Greg Echols
12b	Colorado Freedom Memorial	No Report	Information only	Greg Echols
12c	Veterans Court	Housing support for participants if need it. Could not attend this past month, but will attend in August.	Information only	Julie Huygen
12d	JCF	Subscribe to JCF newsletter.	Information only	Amy Hawthorne
Old Business				
1	Homeless Veteran Project	Not ready to make suggestions to city council, we will revisit this and work on getting something done by November.	Open	All
2	Alternate Member Policy	Updated	Closed	Jeremy Lammon
3a	Bylaws changes to City Clerk via Liaison. Put in	Updated	Closed	Jeremy Lammon

	Working Instructions			
3b	Put in Bylaws	Updated	Closed	Jeremy Lammon
4	Budget	Wait to hear from city clerk, and get back to the budget at a later date.	Closed	Ralph Charlip
5	Annual Report on Veterans	Decided that we do not need this report.	Closed	All
6	Veteran Population Study	Turned in- Alicia is following up with the city.	Open	Ralph Charlip
7	Colorado Resilient-Life Center	Contacted other commissions within Aurora, and discussed future plans.	Open	Jena Long
New Business				
1	Burn Pit Legislation and Aurora City Role	City is not comfortable pushing this information out, because it is not city sponsored.	Closed	Ralph Charlip
2	Student Essay Contest	Veteran Resource theme. Sponsored prizes.	Open	CW Fox
<p>Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022: September 8, October 13, 10 November, December 8 • 2023: 12 January, 9 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul 				
Banner Location- City Staff				
Tabled				
1	Certificate to recognize a veteran's passing	n/a	n/a	

Attachments -3

1.  Attendance.xlsx
2.  Aug%20Agenda%5b7336%5d.docx
3.  July%20Minutes%5b6117%5d.docx