

**MINUTES SEPTEMBER 2022 MEETING
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Date: 9/08/2022

Start Time: 6:00 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 |
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| 5 | Agenda | Agenda approved (Atch 2) | Closed | Ralph Charlip |
| 6 | August Minutes Review | Approved (Atch 3) | Closed | Ralph Charlip |
| 7 | Guest Speaker | Ms. Winbush is the Principal Dep Director of DPAA. DPAA find remains of POW/MIAs, identifies them, and ensures a proper burial. A main field office is located in Hawaii. Anyone is welcome to tour the facility. Her presentation is at Atch 4. | Information only | Ms. Winbush |
| 8 | Public comments | N/A | Information only | Ralph Charlip |
| 9a | Quarterly Financial Report for the previous quarter – (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct) | N/A | Information only | City Staff |
| 9b | Name tags, shirts, bsns cards for new commissioners | We can go anywhere to get our name tags made. Alicia will go to the shop previously used for name tags. Shirts are available to order. Notify Alicia of your requirements | Open | City Staff and Commissioners |
| 9c | Meeting with PROS leadership | Alicia is setting up a meeting with the Director at Ralph Charlip's | Open | City Staff |

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| | | request to help build a positive relationship. | | |
| 9d | Handbook for Commissions | The city is working on the staff liaison handbook, and will move to one for commissioners after the staff liaison book is complete. | Open | City Staff |
| 10 | Vice Chairperson Report | Identified the need to put QR stickers on the VAC marketing brochure. Will work on this task this month. | Open | Jeremy Lammon |
| 11 | Chairperson Report | We are booked for guest speakers for the year; if there is someone that you would like to speak to the Commission in 2023, please contact the chairperson. | Information only | Ralph Charlip |
| 12a | Outreach, Social Media, Web Site | Flyers are being placed at Aurora Libraries- we need volunteers to pass them out. Flyers are in the Great Hall. Commissioners are asked to contact Melissa to help reach out to the libraries in Aurora. | Open | Melissa Sayouthasad |
| 11b | VSO Engagement | Talking about a streamlined plan to help veterans. New programs are coming soon and will be talked about with our speaker next month. | Information only | Amy Hawthorne, Dwayne Davis, Cynthia Francis |
| 13a | Aurora Defense Council | No Report | N/A | Greg Echols |
| 13b | Colorado Freedom Memorial | No Report | N/A | Greg Echols |
| 13c | Veterans Court | The Veterans court provides housing services to participants | Information only | Julie Huygen Cynthia Francis |

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| | | that have negative drug tests. | | |
| 13d | JCF | In the process of making connections | Information only | Amy Hawthorne Dwayne Davis Cynthia Francis |
| Old Business | | | | |
| 1 | Veteran Population Study | The Commission will consider a recommended to City Council at the October Meeting | Open | Charlip |
| 3 | Colorado Resilient-Life Center | Trying to link suicide prevention to the center. There is also a survey to prove the need for the center. | Open | Jena Long |
| 4 | Student Essay Contest | Cherry Creek wants to tie this project into Veterans Day. The project is going through the vetting process. | Open | CW Fox |
| 5 | Terms of Office – Exception Policy | The Commission will consider a recommendation to City Council at the October meeting. | Open | Ralph Charlip |
| New Business | | | | |
| 1 | Aurora Veterans Salute Display 3 Nov | We will need volunteers to man the table. The volunteers will be provided lunch. | Open | Ralph Charlip |
| 2 | Charter Change | We may want to consider a future change to our charter to allow the Commission to conduct events without individual City Council approval. | Open | Ralph Charlip |
| 3 | Veterans Referral System | We will hear more about the referral system at the next meeting. The system will help veterans to get the help they need in a timely manner. | Open | Amy Hawthorne Dwayne Davis |
| Future Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022: 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 | | | | |
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| 1 | Certificate to recognize a veteran's passing | n/a | n/a | |

Attachments –

1. Attendance



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2. Sept Agenda



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3. August Minutes



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4. DPAA Presentation



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