

**MINUTES NOVEMBER 2022 MEETING
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Date: 11/08/2022

Start Time: 6:08 PM

End Time: 7:10

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	All
7	Guest Speaker	Veterans Community Project-Veterans tiny home community located in Longmont. 26 tiny homes- 21 for individual use and 5 for family use. The first wall of the first tiny home was put up. VCP provides peer support, outreach center. Referral and connections to resources. awallis@vcp.org	Information only	Ash Wallis
8	Public comments	N/A	Information only	CW Fox
9a	Quarterly Financial Report for the previous quarter – (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	N/A	Information only	City Staff
9b	Handbook for Commissions	The city is working on the Liaison handbook, and then will move to the commissions.	Open	City Staff

9c1	Veteran Population Study	It is now in escribe and with the PPCT committee	Open	City Staff
9c2	Terms of Office – Exception Policy	Approved by the commission. Updates will be completed soon.	Closed	City Staff
9c3	POW-MIA Flag	Working on getting the flag into public government buildings. According to a statute est. in 1990 the city is obligated to provide and display the POW/MIA flag.	Open	City Staff
10	Vice Chairperson Report	N/A	Open	Jeremy Lammon
11	Chairperson Report	N/A	Open	Ralph Charlip
12a	Outreach, Social Media, Web Site	Any resource links for veterans found, send to Melissa to include in the website.	Open	Melissa Sayouthasad
12b	VSO Engagement	Flyers to recruit commissioners. Houses for Warriors- Hosting an auction 18 November to support their program.	Closed	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	Veterans court is running smoothly. They are still asking for mentors, if you have any interest contact Julie or Cynthia.	Information only	Julie Huygen Cynthia Francis
Old Business				

1	Colorado Resilient-Life center	Had a meeting with the older adult's community to gather support. Contacting suicide prevention and centers to support veterans.	Open	Jena Long
2	Student Essay Contest	Asking the city about creating a website for entry to the contest. The website would be \$500 to create and \$200 yearly to maintain. The site would include rules, applications, and timelines.	Open	CW Fox
3	Aurora Veterans Salute Display 3 Nov	Many people were referred to resources, and it was a great networking opportunity.	Closed	Tyler Hanson
4	Charter Change	Approved- Changing our charter to allow us more flexibility to help veterans.	Closed	CW Fox
New Business				
1	Focus for 2023	Moved to next month-when more commissioners are in attendance.	Open	All
2	VAC coin	We would use this coin to thank guest speakers. Alicia is looking for quotes. Amy will do a mock-up design in Canva.	Open	All
3	Exhibit on 2 nd Floor	The exhibit does not want the military seals because that is not the intended purpose for the space. We are looking for military-themed artwork ideas	Open	Ralph Charlip

		to display at the exhibit.		
4	Officer Nominations	Ralph Charlip and Jeremey Lammon have been reelected to their chairs.	Closed	All
5	Vet Day Proclamation	Not discussed	Open	CW Fox
<p>Future Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022: December 8 • 2023: 12 January, 9 February, 9 March, 13 April, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul, 10 Aug, 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec <p>Meetings in BOLD are in person</p>				
Banner Location- City Staff				
Tabled				
1	Certificate to recognize a veteran's passing	n/a	n/a	

Attachments

1 Attendance



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2. Nov Agenda



Nov Agenda.docx

3. October Minutes



October Minutes.docx