

**MINUTES DECEMBER 2022 MEETING
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

Date: 12/08/2022

Start Time: 6:15 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
5	Review Agenda	No changes made (Attachment 2)	Closed	Ralph Charlip
6	Previous Meeting Minutes Review- Nov	November minutes were not distributed in the read aheads and will be reviewed in January.	Open	All
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	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	POW-MIA Flag	Waiting for delivery- the flags will be placed in front of the AMC and at District police stations. According to a statute est. in 1990 the city is obligated to provide and display the POW/MIA flag. (Attachment 3)	Open	City Staff

9	Vice Chairperson Report	N/A	Open	Jeremy Lammon
10	Chairperson Report	Asked that the VAC close the Tabled item- recognizing veterans passing. - Approved	Open	Ralph Charlip
11a	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 are being placed in libraries and in the Great Hall	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 schedule is different through the holidays. The commission has decided to donate \$600 to the veteran's court for gift cards for participants that are successful each week. Kate Hatten's has received Watik and Councilman Medina's contact information.	Information only	Julie Huygen Cynthia Francis
Old Business				
1	Colorado Resilient-Life center	The CORLC received a recommendation letter from the older adult's commission. The VAC will provide a similar recommendation letter to the CORLC.	Open	Jena Long Ralph Charlip

2	Student Essay Contest	The city will utilize its website to provide information on the contest. The contest will be held in the spring/fall. Prizes will be sponsored by local businesses.	Open	CW Fox
3	VAC Coin	Two options were presented and minor adjustments were made. We need to ask the city about vendors.	Open	Amy Hawthorne
4	Charter Change	Approved- Changing our charter to allow us more flexibility to help veterans. (Attachment 4)	Closed	Ralph Charlip
5	Elections for 2023 Officers	Ralph Charlip- Chairperson Jeremy Lammon- Vice Chairperson (Approved)	Closed	All
6	Focus for 2023	Commissioners were asked to bring ideas for the new year in the next meeting.	Open	All
7	Exhibit on 2 nd Floor	Melissa will work with the VA and the city for a veteran art exhibit on the second floor in Nov 2023..	Open	Melissa Sayouthasad
New Business				
1	Applicant Recommendation	The application for a new commissioner will be considered at the January meeting	Open	All
2	Liberty View Welcome Baskets	The VAC allocated \$800 for new resident welcome items for Liberty View Apartments (a new complex open to veterans).	Closed	All
Future Meetings:				

- **12 January**, 9 February, 9 March, **13 April**, 11 May, 8 Jun, **13 Jul**, 10 August, 14 September, **12 October**, 9 November, 14 December (**meetings in BOLD are face to face sessions**)

Banner Location- City Staff

4 Attachments

1. Attendance



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2. Dec Agenda



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3. POW Flag Resolution



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4. Propose Charter Change



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