

**MINUTES JANUARY 2024 MEETING  
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

**Date:** 1/11//2024

**Start Time:** 6:05 PM

**End Time:** 7:45

Virtual  In-Person

1. Attendance (See attachment 1):

<b>Topic Number</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>After discussion, the outcome (approval, disapproval, table, information only)</b>	<b>Status (Open, Closed, Information Only)</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
6	Previous Meeting Minutes Review	December 2023 minutes approved (Atch 2)	Closed	All
7	Public comments	N/A	Closed	All
8	Guest Speaker	Stephanie Iverson spoke at the Purple Star Program and the April Military Child month.	Information only	Stephanie Iverson
9a	Quarterly Financial Report for the previous quarter – (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)	Appropriated funds for 2024 total: \$3649 and Grant funds of \$1294.	Information only	City Staff
9b	VSO office in City Hall	Mayor Coffman has turned down the proposal as there are agreements with Adams and Arapahoe counties to provide the service.	Closed	City Staff
9c	Savage Nomination	Scheduled for Council meeting in early Feb.	Info	City Staff
9d	Communication Office Support	Will provide support other than graphics. Chairperson Charlip has a graphics company contact if needed.	Closed	City Staff

10	Vice Chairperson Report	NA-Lammon out of town.	Info	Lammon
11	Chairperson Report	Reviewed coming speakers: APS in March and city manager in May.	Info	Charlip
12a	Outreach, Social Media, Web Site	The art display was removed on 16 Dec 23.	Open	Long
12b	VSO Engagement	Nothing new to report	Information only	Davis/Francis
12c	Contact List	Minor Changes to the contact list	Information Only	Huygen
12d	Outreach Calendar	NA, Long was unable to attend	Information Only	Long
13a	Aurora Defense Council	N/A, Lammon out of town	Information only	Lammon
13b	Colorado Freedom Memorial	Brick cannot be engraved, decided not to purchase (update from Charlip)	Information Only	Lammon
13c	Veterans Court	There is one long term participant, one person now in Phase I and one being processed in Intake.	Open	Huygen/Francis
<b>Old Business</b>				
1	Partner reports	N/A	Open	All
2	School Speakers	Nothing new	Open	Fox
3	Marketing for Commissioners	Fox has contacted several people. Charlip asked everyone to please try and recruit.	Open	All
4	File Disability Claims Article for Water Bill	With the Water Dept and in the queue.	Open	Fox, Lammon

5	Townhall	Working with Arapahoe County to partner with their standdown	Open	Charlip
6	Honor Flight	Will contact to explore the possibilities	Open	Parks
<b>Tabled</b>				
1	Handbook for Commissioners (Staff Update)		Tabled	City Staff
3	Townhall	Congressman Crow is interested- VAC commissioners would need to be involved.	Open	All
4	Honor Flight	Parks will take the lead	Open	Parks
<b>New Business</b>				
1.	Commission Focus for 2024:	Partnerships: April Military Child Month, Townhall, Radon Awareness Campaign and Event to support city staff who are veterans.	Open	TBD
2	Attendance at Ward Meetings	Will review after Chairperson Charlip talks with council members.	Open	Charlip
3	City Veteran Employment	HR will provide an update on the city's veteran-focused benefits in Feb.	Open	City Staff
4	Population Study	Will propose to Council that the Commission conduct a qualitative research study	Open	Charlip
5	Legislative Support for Purple Star Legislation	Will recommend City support House Bill 24-1076	Open	Charlip
<b>Future Meetings:</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024: 8 Feb, Mar 14, <b>Apr 11</b>, 9 May, 13 Jun, <b>11 Jul</b>, 8 Aug, 12 Sep, <b>Oct 10</b>, Nov 14, Dec 12 (<b>meetings in BOLD are face to face sessions</b>)</li> </ul>				
Banner Location- City Staff				

5 Attachments

## 1. Attendance



Attendance.xlsx

## 2. Jan Agenda



Jan Agenda.docx

## 3. Iverson Presentation



AVA Brief - Jan  
24.pptx

## 4. Budget Reports



31043-31044 - VAC 31043-31044 - VAC  
Budget Report (YTD Budget Report (1.1.2

## 5. Feb Draft Agenda



Feb Agenda.docx

Approved

Ralph Charlip, Chairperson