

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

August 13, 2020

Meeting held remotely. Audio at: <https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-services/veterans-advisory-board>

Chair: Kelly Jones

Vice Chair: David Daly

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW # 12028
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Morris Geisler
Dixie Hotaling
Darren Wertz
Bob Nichols
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy

Earl Edwards
Steve Slegers
Shannon Roberts
Bruce Maas
David Daly
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Kevin Lawson
Bryan McGillis
Michael Langsdorf
Jim Jensen
Tiffany Plous

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers
Karla Bean
John Rose

Les Schreiber
Vannis Pratt

John Stofiel
Dana Difford
Michael Harding
Doyle Flemming
Tom Mielke

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: Sharon Tyre (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Michael Torres, Alissa Page, Janet Snook (Clark County)

July 9, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved on motion by Michael Harding that was seconded by Steve Slegers.

Member and County Updates

To alleviate some of the economic impacts of the pandemic, the County has, or anticipates to receive:

- CDBG and Title V: \$1.3M for Economic Development grants to county microenterprises
- COVID-19 Emergency Housing Grant: \$1.46M for quarantine, isolation, and emergency shelter for people at high risk of COVID-complications
- CARES Title V: approximately \$2.6M to continue the quarantine and isolation facility to October 31
- CARES Title V: \$600,000 for homeless crisis response
- ESG-CV relief funds: \$715,000 for rental assistance and shelters support
- Housing and Essential Needs: \$1.72M for rapid rehousing
- CSBG COVID relief: \$470,000 for Community Action programs
- Commerce shelter grant: \$2.5M to use over 3 years, joint application with Vancouver
- ESG COVID relief Phase 2 and CDBG-CV Phase 2: unknown timeline and amounts
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program: \$4.9M to prevent evictions

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Committee Reports

Appeals: One appeal was received and approved.

Policies and Procedures: Following discussion on lack of clarity in the policies towards providing mortgage assistance and rental deposits, Kelly Jones offered to conduct research towards a possible Board revamp of the entire rental/housing assistance policy.

June 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 22 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 213 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic is referring Veterans to needed dental care. WDVA filed 288 claims in the second quarter, earning \$1.8M in payment to veterans since January. The Fund balance at the end of June was \$747,138.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- The Center is open daily 9am-1pm, providing breakfast and lunch and delivering food boxes.
- Stand Down date and location are to be determined. Supplies are being collected

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

None at this time.

Open Forum

- The new Crisis Stabilization Center is now open and operating at half capacity.
- CMAC is holding a Patriot's Day event on September 11, to include filming individuals on a CVTV documentary.
- Worksource is open and providing services to veterans.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, September 10, 2020.