

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Council

November 12, 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

Tom Mielke

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); **Rodger Morrison, Gabriel Larson** (Windhaven Therapeutic); **Janet Snook** (Clark County); **Tonya Wark, Daniel Ledgett** (Worksource)

October 8, 2020, Meeting Minutes

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

Committee Reports

Appeals: One appeal was received and approved.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

Nomination of 2021 Officers: Michael Harding was nominated for vice chair to join the nominations of Bruce Maas for secretary and Kelly Jones for Chair made at the September meeting.

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Windhaven Therapeutic presentation

Windhaven has reopened at 50 percent capacity following Covid 19 closure. The next class will begin around the end of January. The goal utilizes a mutually beneficial human-equine relationship to help Veterans struggling with PTSD and TBI build relationships and be able to rejoin society.

September 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 42 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 206 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic assisted two Veterans, billing the fund \$760. In the third quarter, WDVA filed 502 claims with 86 percent successfully approved. The Fund balance at the end of September was \$687,402.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC)/Stand Down Update

- The Center is open daily 9am-1pm, providing breakfast and lunch and delivering food boxes
- Gourmet meals provided by Clark College were given to Veterans on Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving meal boxes are being prepared using grant money. A client is also providing 30 boxes
- KPAM's Helping Our Heroes fundraiser is supporting the Center. Judy and Sharon will be in-studio on November 13
- Stand Down walk/drive-thru' assisted 259 veterans, handing out 185 fully-equipped duffle bags, 50 civilian bags, and 45 pairs of boots. Total expense was \$20,421

Old Business

No discussion.

New Business

No discussion.

Open Forum

- The State eviction moratorium has been extended through the end of the year
- Veterans Doyle Flemming and Jerry Bloss passed away
- Research is being done to assist a WWII veteran who needs his roof replaced

Adjourn

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