

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

December 10, 2020

Meeting held remotely.

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); **Janet Snook** (Clark County); **Alan Martinez** (VA)

November 12, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The November minutes were approved on motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Kelly Jones.

Federal VA Homelessness Programs

The goal of the VA Homelessness Programs is to help Veterans attain stable employment, stable housing, and achieve community integration. The Program uses the Housing First Model. Veterans may be referred, walk-in, or located through Stand Downs or outreach. They are then assessed and connected with appropriate services.

Committee Reports

Appeals: Two appeals: one was approved; one was denied.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion. Chair Jones will reach out to Dixie.

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Nomination/Election of 2021 Officers

Michael Harding was nominated for vice chair, Bruce Maas for secretary, and Kelly Jones for chair. Bruce will be primary for another VSO or Member at Large to avoid two officers that are representatives for the same post. **Greg Whitson moved to accept the nominations as stated. John Lovejoy seconded. Motion carried.**

October 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 50 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 171 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic assisted three Veterans, billing the fund \$3,265. The Fund balance at the end of October exceeded \$895,000. The Stand Down walk/drive-thru assisted 104 Veterans in person and provided an additional 155 fully-equipped duffle bags to Veterans in Oregon who were homeless.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Calls and requests are going up for December
- Gave out 48 Thanksgiving meals. Remainders will be repurposed at Christmas
- Will receive Children's Sharing Project toys and Toys for Tots for 180 children
- Helping our Heroes telethon resulted in \$45,000 cash and 1,000 lbs. prime ground beef donations
- Vancouver Chamber of Commerce awarded a grant of \$27,000 to help veterans who would otherwise not be able to get assistance

Old Business

- 2021 Letters of Intent due. Sam will reach out to those who have not yet submitted.

New Business

No discussion.

Open Forum

- VVA#512 donating to multiple agencies
- Gold Star scholarship available
- Care Closet receives donated used medical items to recycle into the community. Veterans in long care may be eligible for a free iPad
- POW/MIA survivor scholarships available

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, January 14, 2021.