

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

January 14, 2021

Meeting held remotely.

Chair: Kelly Jones

Vice Chair: Michael Harding

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

Darren Wertz

Michael Gibson

John Lovejoy

Bruce Maas

Steve Slegers

Shannon Roberts

Michael Harding

Kelly Jones

Kevin Lawson

Jim Jensen

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers

John Rose

Les Schreiber

Vannis Pratt

John Stofiel

Dana Difford

Bruce Maas

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Janet Snook, Michael Torres (Clark County); Darwin Goodspeed (Director, Portland VA); Edythe Huerta, Michael Langsdorf, Tonya Wark, Tom Phillips, Dave Daly

December 10, 2020, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved

VA Portland Healthcare/COVID-19 updates

Over 95,000 Veterans are served by the Portland VA Medical Center and on the list to be vaccinated. They are being scheduled on priority basis, with Veterans over age 75 being seen now. Goal is to vaccinate 1,000 Veterans a day and get all Veterans who want to be vaccinated within 12 weeks.

Committee Reports

Appeals: No appeals

Policies and Procedures: Tonya Wark volunteered to chair the policies and procedures committee

November 2020 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 42 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 183 Veteran visits for essentials and food. The Free Clinic assisted one Veteran, billing the fund \$2,010. The fund balance at the end of November was \$839,327.

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Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Center received many donations in December
 - CMAC donated \$500, used to stock pantry
 - Trader Joes donated groceries
 - Scotts Miracle Gro donated around \$10,000 in gift cards
 - Susan Obrist brought in food for Christmas meals
- Toys and Christmas dinners were provided to many families
- Request for the policies committee to review the emergency declaration assistance for utilities

Old Business

No discussion

New Business

No discussion

Open Forum

Reach out to others during these difficult times

VFW7824 and PIC distributed 24 Christmas boxes to Veteran families

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, February 11, 2021.