

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

August 11, 2022

Chair: Michael Harding

Vice Chair: Shannon Roberts

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

POST

40 et 8

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

Vietnam Vets #512

Members at Large

PRIMARY

Morris Geisler

Darren Wertz

Bob Nichols

Thomas Phillips

John Lovejoy

Bruce Maas

Earl Edwards

Steve Slegers

Shannon Roberts

Michael Harding

Greg Whitson

Kelly Jones

Kevin Lawson

Bryan McGillis

Tonya Wark

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers

John Rose

Michael Gibson

Vanise Pratt

Tom Cousino

Dixie Hotaling

John Stofiel

Dana Difford

Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: Emily Langston

Guests: Janet Snook (Clark County); Judy Russel. Sharon Tyre, Laurie Pugh (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Kara Seibert (Lifeline Connections); CVTV23

Approval of July 14, 2022, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion from Shannon Roberts that was seconded by Steve Slegers.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

June 2022, Contractor & Fund Reports

The fund assisted 39 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 387 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 2 veterans. WDVA processed 602 claims with 86 percent acceptance. The Fund balance at the end of April was \$830,340.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- In-person Stand Down September 9, 9am-3pm, at River City Church. Many donations have been received. To volunteer, call 360.793.7030.
- Client services in office have increased. VSO backlog has also increased.

Old Business

- A meeting to review all Policies and Procedures and Board Bylaws is 1:30-3pm, September 1
- Veterans now qualify for free parking at County parks

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

August 11, 2022

New Business

No discussion

Open Forum

- National Veteran Wheelchair Games (NVWG) Tournament coming to Portland July 4-29, 2023. Contact Shawn.Benson@va.gov for more information or to volunteer.
- Building 24 on VA campus to be renovated in 2024. Imaging building nearly complete.
- VA needs volunteer drivers for veteran transportation, and/or to stay with patients for outpatient surgery. Community in Motion and C-Tran C-Van may be available for transportation. Social workers may be available for in-person supports. Clark County does not have a DAV van, which can be purchased by WDVA.
- Lifeline is expanding veteran services through group therapy and equine therapy for PTSD. Will provide more information at Stand Down and at the next VAB.
- Post 4278 annual picnic, 12pm, August 21, at Fallen Leaf Park.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting September 8, 2022