

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

October 13, 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); **CVTV23, Ron Fryer** (Housing for Homeless Veterans); **Elizabeth Johnson** (Armed Forces Reserve Staff); **Gene Couture** (Post 14); **Kara Siebert, Mallory Huerta (ESD); Liz Johnston** (Reserve Center)

Approval of September 8, 2022, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion from **Bruce Maas** that was seconded by **Bryan McGillis**.

Housing for Homeless Veterans

Goal to build 36 units of gated, secure housing for homeless female veterans on land owned at 5118 NE St. James Rd, with on-site manager. Occupants are able to stay as long as they are working towards rehabilitation. Have raised nearly \$600,000 towards development.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None.

Policies and Procedures:

- Bylaws
Recommended changes included: Section 3.1, CCVRC to CCVAB, and to include members at large in quorum. Section 6.1 changed to require minimum meetings to 11 per year. Both recommendations passed on motions.

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- Policies and Procedures
Changes to the following sections were approved on individual motions. These will be presented to the County Council in January.
 - Section 2.3, to verify veteran status through State Query and Response Exchange System.
 - Section 3.1, to remove line ensuring funds are used only when other veteran resources have been exhausted.
 - Section 3.4, to increase amount for additional charges associated with rent to \$1,200.
 - Section 3.4.2, removing restrictions on move-in fees.
 - Section 3.4.5 removes other fees statement of security deposit and adds application fees to 3.4.6.
 - Section 3.7, transportation assistance, reflects C-Tran provision of passes to veterans, and revises wording for assistance for vehicles.
 - Section 3.9 adds eligibility of burial services to all discharge statuses.
 - Section 3.11.1 covers only repairs necessary for safe operation of the vehicle.
 - Section 4.2 removes certification of CSOs.

Nominations

Send nominations or interest to Bruce Maas.

August 2022, Contractor & Fund Reports

The fund assisted 51 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 403 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 3 veterans in July; the August report is not available. The Fund balance at the end of August was \$656,086.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Give More 24 raised \$30,000 for the center
- 2023 contract budget submitted
- Discovery Dental providing veteran dental day
- Mike Williams is no longer with the center
- 125 male and 26 female veterans served at Stand Down, with 45 providers and more than 300 meals
- November 11, Helping our Heroes on KPAM 860, 6am-6pm, to raise money to help any veteran
- Hosting a job fair at the Reserve Center on Nov. 16, 15005 NE 65th St.

Old Business

No discussion.

New Business

- **Letters of Intent:** All organizations and members at large must file a form by the end of the year.
- **Rent Assistance post-emergency declaration**
- **Frequency of assistance (12 or 24 months)**
Requesting Policies and Procedures make all services consistent to once in a 12-month period, in place of a 24-month period. Financial impact will be reviewed. Further discussion at next meeting.

Open Forum

- VFW Post 7824 Navy birthday party, October 15, 5pm
- US Airforce Band Concert, Battle Ground High School, October 24, 7-9pm
- Veterans Day Parade at Vancouver Barracks
- Golden Corral veterans' meal on November 14
- Emergency declaration expires at end of October

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Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 10, 2022