

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

January 12, 2023

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 #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
Camas Post 27
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Ron Fryer
Gene Couture
Darren Wertz
Thomas Phillips
John Lovejoy
Wes Forgey
Bruce Maas
Earl Edwards
Steve Slegers
Shannon Roberts
Michael Harding
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Bryan McGillis
Tonya Wark
Tamara Elam

ALTERNATE

Steve Slegers

Charles Ingalls
Michael Gibson
Vanise Pratt
Shawn O'Neil
Tom Cousino
Dixie Hotaling
John Stofiel
Dana Difford

Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: Emily Langston

Guests: Janet Snook (Clark County); Sharon Tyre (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); CVTV23, Chuck Jones (Post 44); Joe Fettig (Post 122);

Approval of Member at Large

A motion was made by John Lovejoy and seconded by Shannon Roberts to accept Tonya Wark as member at-large. Motion carried.

Approval of December 8, 2022, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Shannon Roberts that was seconded by John Lovejoy.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures:

- Request to change bylaws section 2.3.3 to state: "If a CCVAB organization has more than two (2) consecutive unexcused absences from CCVAB scheduled business meetings, this may be cause for termination from the committee until a new Letter of Intent (LOI) is submitted appointing active member representatives. The organization shall be notified of termination from the CCVAB until the new LOI is received."

2023 committee appointments

- Policy and Procedures: Kelly Jones as chair, Ron Fryer and Tonya Wark as member, with Steve Slegers as alternate

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- Appeals: Ron Fryer as chair, Tom Philips as co-chair, and Gene Couture as member, with Tamara Elam as alternate
- Nominations: Bruce Maas is chair, Kelly Jones and Steve Slegers as members

November 2022, Contractor & Fund Reports

The fund assisted 57 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 450 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 4 veterans in October. The Fund balance at the end of November was \$758,311.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Served 17 families with 63 children for toys
- Gave 15 holiday food boxes and served 15 holiday hot meals
- January 26, Project Homeless Connect at St. Joseph's church and Point-in-Time Count
- February 1 WDVA town hall at Reserve Center, 9am
- CCVAC golf tournament June 6 at Tri Mountain golf course

Old Business

Letter of Intent: most agencies have submitted

National Wheelchair games July 4-9. Volunteers needed

New Business

- A draft 2023 work plan was developed to map out intended meeting content throughout the year. Members may suggest changes at any time. There will not be a July meeting, and LOIs will not be required for 2024.
- Ron will share updates on the Women Veterans Village housing project in June
- The legislature is considering some mental health bills for veterans

Open Forum

- WDVA director is retiring
- Portland VA regional office scheduling VSO dates in Vancouver

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 9, 2023