

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

February 9, 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, Rebecca Royce (Clark County); Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); CVTV23, Tony Sprague (VA representative for Congresswoman Glusenkamp-Perez); Joe Fettig (Post 122)

Approval of January 12, 2023, 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 member 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 submitted to Clark County." **Change was approved on motion by Mike Gibson and seconded by Kelly Jones.**

Survey of Needs

Survey helps Clark County identify needs of families struggling financially in our community to inform future anti-poverty funding decisions. Surveys are available in English, Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, and Chuukese. The Community Needs Assessment reports on the results.

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Member Roles and Responsibilities

As an advisory board to the County Council, members are to provide information to veterans, the Council, and the public. Members are expected to attend meetings and engage in discussions and decisions. Members must not speak for the board or make unilateral decisions for the board.

Update on Women's Veterans Village

Permits are in process for constructing 32 tiny homes, then groundbreaking will begin.

December 2022, Contractor & Fund Reports

The fund assisted 64 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 381 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 5 veterans. WDVA filed 411 claims with 86 percent approval.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- CCVAC golf tournament June 6 at Tri Mountain golf course
- Stand Down will be September 29 at the Armed Forces Reserve Center
- When funds are withheld from a veteran's income, this is not considered when determining eligibility, and is not able to be appealed
- Tony Sprague toured CCVAC yesterday and received a lot of information

Old Business

National Wheelchair games July 4-9. Volunteers needed

New Business

- WDVA Town Hall provided opportunity to share SW Washington needs and services
- Clark County may be added on to WDVA's HPRP grant
- Central Park Place SRO expanding housing for veterans

Open Forum

- New WDVA director, David Holt, appointed
- Gold Star scholarships available to children of deceased veterans
- Honor flights to Washington DC available through PugetSoundHonorFlight.com
- Ret. Lt. Col. Robert Knight is honor guard this year
- VA ID Cards are by appointment only

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 9, 2023