

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Council

April 13, 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
Post 168
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
Bob Nichols
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); Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre, Laurie Pugh (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); CVTV23, Megan Anderson (Clark College); Trisha Johnson, Gabriel (Partners in Careers);

Approval of March 9, 2023, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Bob Nichols that was seconded by Shannon Roberts.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: All proposals are now approved and published.

February 2023, Contractor & Fund reports

The fund assisted 38 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 314 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 5 veterans. The Fund balance at the end of February was \$539,035. Levy amount collected is reviewed in September. Clark County currently collects less than the minimum required by RCW 73.08.080, but supplements with general fund dollars.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Denise, new part-time CSO hire, starts next week.
- CCVAC golf tournament June 6 at Tri Mountain golf course; \$150/person. Looking for players and sponsors.
- Stand Down will be September 29 at the Armed Forces Reserve Center.

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- Bob Woodruff Foundation's National Coalition for Homeless Veterans in May in Washington DC. **Bob Nichols made a motion to send two people to the Coalition at less than \$3,000/person. Motion was seconded and passed.**
- Armed Forces Reserve Center job fair for Veterans April 19

Old Business

Double Tree Hotel and Marriot established for Veteran Wheelchair Games, July 4-9

New Business

- Veteran information session at WorkSource, April 18, 2-4pm
- **Member at Large application for Megan Anderson approved on voice vote.**

Open Forum

- Clark College resource center has expanded services available for veterans, to include tutoring, book purchases, some online fees, and veteran benefits. Open house, 10-2pm, April 17-18, to achieve more community involvement. Will include CCVAC and VA services. For additional information, contact Eli Gonzalez at egonzalez-roman@clark.edu.
- CCVAC has lost food funding source. Posts encouraged to donate.
- Council for the Homeless, City of Vancouver (Jamie Spinelli), Community Roots, Cody Shaw, and others considered for discussion on Veteran homelessness at future meeting.
- Michael Harding to attend a VHA board meeting to discuss living conditions for veterans at Central Park Place.
- May 18, Shared Hope International founders party at Marriot on waterfront, for victims of sex trafficking.
- Challenge issued for each post to donate \$500 towards Stand Down.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting May 11, 2023