

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

September 14, 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 #168
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

Bob Brennan
Gene Couture
Darren Wertz
Bob Nichols
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
Megan Anderson
Eli Gonzalez

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: CVTV23, Janet Snook (Clark County); Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Rebecca O'Brien (Free Clinic)

Approval of August 10, 2023, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved with corrections following a motion by Bob Nichols that was seconded by Kelly Jones.

Approval of Eli Gonzalez as Member at Large

Michael Harding made a motion to accept Eli Gonzalez as member at large. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Appeals: One appeal relating to replacement of furniture was denied as not a covered category. Adding incidentals to the policies may get burdensome. Many denials were processed due to client not returning to complete application.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

Free Clinic Veterans Dental Program update

Rebecca O'Brien explained the dental program is appointment-based and offers two clinics per month. The dental program partners with Medical Teams International. They provide extractions, fillings, limited dentures, and oral health. The Veterans Assistance Center refers patients, who are then scheduled by

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the Free Clinic. Walk-ins are also welcome. Patients are 18 and older and uninsured. The Clinic is staffed by volunteers. Opportunities are listed on the [freeclinics.org/volunteer/](https://www.freeclinics.org/volunteer/) website.

Overview of Central Park Place (CPP) reopening

CPP has 125 rooms for persons 55 and older. As non-veterans move out, rooms will be occupied by veterans. Rent is income based. Complex is ADA compliant. Has onsite management and activities.

July 2023, Contractor & Fund reports

The fund assisted 64 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 474 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$3,092 for 4 veterans. The Fund balance at the end of July was \$702,996.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Stand Down at Armed Forces Reserve Center, September 29, 9-3pm. Volunteers still needed.
- Starting holiday food box compilations and lists.
- WDVA President David Fuentes spoke with Laurie Pugh regarding finding more space for VAC.

Old Business

WDVA leadership visited Assistance Center. Meeting went well. Legal assistance may be available to identify funding shortfall issues, and space size and costs were discussed.

New Business

No discussion.

Open Forum

- Veterans Day parade, November 11. Grand Marshall will be County Sheriff.
- Bob Brennan, 40et8 representative, is also state representative for local VA health system. VSO name comes from WWI French boxcars.
- Windhaven fundraiser successful.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting October 12, 2023