

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Councilors
June 14, 2018

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680
Vancouver, Washington

Chair: Morris Giesler

Vice Chair: Kelly Jones

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

POST

40 et 8
American Legion #14
American Legion #176
American Veterans #6
DAV Chapter #4
Korean War Assoc. #321
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW # 12028
Vietnam Vets #512
Members at Large

PRIMARY

Steve Slegers
Dixie Hotaling
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy
Morris Giesler
Earl Edwards
Ron Brandon
Shannon Roberts
Bruce Maas
Skip Benge
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Kevin Lawson
Alan Martinez
James Mead
David Daley
Michael Harding
Bryan McGillis

ALTERNATE

Patrick Locke

Jonathan Frederick
Michael Langsdorf
Frank Hyatt
Jason Atkins
Steve Slegers
Sarah Aktepy
Tonja Wark

Nick Herber

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley, Michael Torres

Guests: Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre, (Veterans Assistance Center); Larry Smith (CMAC)

May 10, 2018, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved on a motion by Dixie Hotaling that was seconded by James Mead with correction of Post 176 as American Legion and breakfast beginning at 7:30.

Letters of Intent for Members at Large

Michael Harding and Bryan McGillis were accepted as members at large on motion by James Mead that was seconded by Steve Slegers.

Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC) presentation

CMAC is a privately-funded, countywide patriotic organization attended by Veterans and civilians. Meetings are at 8:30 a.m., twice monthly at the 40et8. CMAC sponsors Gold Star scholarships for children of military killed in action; hosts Memorial Day, Patriots Day, and Veterans Day celebrations; partners with the National Parks Service; conducts an annual Community Salutes recognition of high school seniors going into the military following graduation; promotes Heroes Night at Costco; and provides first responder fishing trips.

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VAB meeting location

Alternate locations for meetings to accommodate parking are considered, however, many want to resume CVTV coverage, for which the PSC continues to be the best location. Discussion tabled pending additional research regarding funding of CVTV.

Committee Reports

Appeals: Three appeals for rental assistance to households who had previously received assistance were denied. One appeal for storage costs was approved.

Policies and Procedures:

The changes will be presented to the County Council for approval at 10 a.m., June 19, 2018.

April 2018 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund provided assistance to 61 Veteran households at a cost of \$19,649. The Veterans Assistance Center received 648 Veteran visits, including 304 visits from Veterans who are homeless. The Free Clinic treated five patients. The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was \$691,303 at the end of the month.

The WDVA has offered to provide a VSO to the county for \$60,000/year. **A motion to obtain a certified VSO through the WDVA was made by Mike Gibson and seconded by Alan Martinez. Motion carried.**

Veterans Assistance Center Update

- The Warriors and Wheels car show is August 25, on SE 164th Avenue and SE Village Loop.
- The Center is sponsoring a booth at the Clark County Fair, August 2-15

Old Business

No discussion at this time.

New Business

No discussion at this time.

Open Forum

- A New York Times article discussing functional zero homelessness will be distributed by email.
- American Legion Post 176 is hosting the Pinups Tour, June 30 at 7 pm. Register online.
- Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike is Saturday, June 30 at 8 AM starting at Fort Vancouver.
- Wenatchee WDVA conference August 1-2, 2018

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, July 12, 2018.