

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
An advisory board to the Clark County Council
January 9, 2020

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680
Vancouver, Washington

Chair: Kelly Jones

Vice Chair: David Daly

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

POST

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American Legion #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
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
Darren Wertz
Bob Nichols
Michael Gibson
John Lovejoy

Earl Edwards
Steve Slegers
Shannon Roberts
Bruce Maas
David Daly
Greg Whitson
Kelly Jones
Kevin Lawson
Bryan McGillis
Michael Langsdorf
Jim Jensen
Tiffany Plous

ALTERNATE

Patrick Locke
Karla Bean
John Rose

Les Schreiber
Vannis Pratt

Jerry Keesee
John Stofiel
Dana Difford
Michael Harding
Doyle Flemming
Tom Mielke

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: Judy Russel, Ron Abby, Sharon Tyre (Veterans Assistance Center); Morris Geisler (Post 40et8); Jenice Acevedo-Toledo (VetCorp); Jeff Talbot (Kleen Street); Kimberly Early (DAV #4); David Perez (Office of Congresswoman Jamie Herrera-Beutler)

December 12, 2019, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved on motion by **Greg Whitson** that was seconded by **Michael Harding**.

Committee Reports

Appeals: One appeal was received and approved.

Policies and Procedures: No discussion.

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November 2019 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 77 Veteran households and eight homeless households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 697 Veteran visits, including 259 visits from Veterans who are homeless. The Free Clinic charged the fund \$2,631 for care for six Veterans. The Fund balance at the end of November was \$728,640. Using funding to write grants to enhance the Center's ability to serve Veterans was discussed.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- The homeless fund has housed 39 Veterans since July 1. Four additional Veterans are waiting for their homes to be ready.
- The next annual fundraiser, Boots, Chaps, and Cowboy Hats is April 3, 2020 at ilani. Table reservations or individual tickets may be made through Event Brite.
- Jackets (\$25), tee shirts (\$15), and sweatshirts (\$20) with CCVAC logo are for sale.
- A City committee is looking at bike lanes options. One would eliminate parking for the Center. Express opinions online.
- The Center has outgrown its space and needs storage and a kitchen. Additional research is being done.

Old Business

None at this time.

New Business

- Veterans funding is only available for indigent Veterans and is unable to provide earnest money to help a Veteran purchase a home.
- Individuals who go through Veterans' court have sponsors and/or mentors. Additional mentoring for Veterans is being researched.

Open Forum

- Resources available for the homeless at Project Homeless Connect, January 30, at St. Joseph Church. The annual Point In Time count, required by HUD, will take place the same day and attempts to count the number of people who are homeless on a single day.
- The Vietnam Veterans Christmas party was very successful.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2020.