



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
MAY 29, 2013/ 1:00 -3:00PM
CITY HALL: BOARD AND COMMISSIONS ROOM 1101
301 W 2nd ST.
AUSTIN, TEXAS

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

John Conley
Phillip Gutierrez
Bill McLellan
Linda Yoder

Chris Garcia
Gary Linder
Cassandra St. John

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 3 speakers will be signed up prior to the meeting being called to order; each will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (N/A)

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Nominations and election of Chair and Vice Chair
- b) Schedule dates, time, location and frequencies of meetings
- c) Determine if the commission wants to create any committees. If so, the purpose of the committee needs to be defined in the bylaws. The commission can decide to create Working Groups in lieu of committees. A Working Group does not require staff support and the group does not have to adhere to the Open Meetings Act (posting agendas, meeting minutes, public meeting). Also, the group can be comprised of individuals who are not members of the commission.
- d) Adopt and/or amend standard bylaw template. If the commission chooses to amend the bylaws, the amended bylaws must be approved by the Council Audit and Finance Committee before they becomes official.

4. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) Overview of City of Austin Veterans Program

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Veterans Day Parade
- b) Homeless Veterans
- c) Female Veterans
- d) Employment

- e) Education
- f) Veteran Small Business and Entrepreneurship
- g) PTSD/TBI Support
- h) Partnerships
- i) Outreach
- j) Reintegration

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the Veterans Commission please contact Tina Lee at (512-974-3306 or Tina.Lee@austintexas.gov).