



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2013 / 1:00 – 3:00PM
CITY HALL: COUNCIL OF CHAMBERS ROOM 1101
301 West 2nd STREET,
AUSTIN, TEXAS

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Cassandra St. John, Chair	Gary Linder
Phillip Gutierrez, Vice Chair	Bill McLellan
John Conley	Linda Yoder
Chris Garcia	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs June 24, 2013 meeting.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Updates by the Committee working groups about the top three priorities for our Veterans
 1. Homeless Veterans: Meeting was held on June 12, 2013 at St. Edwards University by Chris Garcia.
 2. Employment and Education: No meeting was set at the time and was proposed to meet on June 24, 2013 to discuss future meetings and actions.
 3. Female Veterans: Meeting was held on June 25, 2013 by Cassandra St. John and guest Pam Maercklein from the TVC will like to discuss the role of women Veterans at a future meeting.
- b. Schedule new dates, time, location and frequencies of meetings for the Fall of 2013

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Future dates of meetings for each committee working group and any new updates since the last meeting on the progress of the top three priorities
- b. Veterans Day 2013: Supporting the City of Austin and Travis County Veteran Services office for this year's Veterans Day on November 11th. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday and Thursday of every month at noon at 100 N IH 35.
- c. Board members to give any updates from their designated City Council members
- d. Furniture for no longer homeless Veterans program.

- e. Veterans Park renovation update through PARD (Parks and Recreation Department)

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings

ADJOURNMENT

The City of Austin is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Meeting locations are planned with wheelchair access. If requiring Sign Language Interpreters or alternative formats, please give notice at least 4 days before the meeting date.

Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department, at 512-974-3459 or Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

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