



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
July 31, 2013**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a regular meeting on July 31, 2013 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Cassandra St. John called the Board Meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

**Cassandra St. John, Chair
Phillip Gutierrez, Vice Chair
Chris Garcia**

**Bill McLellan
Linda Yoder**

Staff in Attendance: Allen Bergeron, Tina Lee

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Chair Cassandra St. John asked Commission members to review minutes from the meeting on June 24, 2013. Motion passed with no objection

2. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Updates by the Committee working groups lead on the top three priorities for our Veterans.
- 1) Homeless Veterans-Chris Garcia
 - 2) Female Veterans-Cassandra St.John
 - 3) Employment and Education – John Conley
- b. Scheduling future times, frequencies and dates of meetings for the Fall of 2013 and agreed to be set for every 3rd Thursday of every month from 1-3PM

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Veterans Day 2013: Schedule to be distributed of which board member will be attending the meetings held at the Travis County Veterans day meeting every month.
- b. Updates from the City Council members all stated that they stand behind the board member to continue to do what is needed for the Veterans in the City of Austin and their office supports them.
- c. Veterans Park renovation update: Funding is approved and strong and will be completed in front of the American Legion post on Veterans Street. Official representative from PARD to present plans and more updates at next meeting.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

N/A (No public hearings during this meeting)

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

N/A (No Citizen Communication)

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS
N/A (No Staff Briefings)

7. ADJOURN: Chair Cassaundra St. John adjourned the meeting at 1:59p.m. Without objection

