



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **AGENDA**

**Tuesday, April 15, 2014**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in City Hall Council of Chambers Room 1001  
301 West Second Street  
Austin, TX 78701**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

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

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Citizens 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**

Consider approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs March 18, 2014 regular meeting.

#### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Updates and reports by the Committee working groups lead about the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
  - i. Homeless Veterans:
  - ii. Employment and Education:
  - iii. Female Veterans:
- b. Discussion and decision on which commissioners and council members will meet with the Mayor to tour the new Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.
- c. Discussion, consideration, and possible action on creating a “One Stop Shop” for all Veterans in Austin

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Presentation and discussion led by Christopher Araugjo, Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) volunteer coordinator. Chris will be giving the commission an overview of what MVPN is and their partners in the community are and some success and challenges Veterans are facing once they are out of the Military.
- b. Discussion, consideration and possible action on the volunteer opportunities in the community available to assist Veterans and their families and the management of the volunteer involvement.
- c. Discussion, consideration and possible action to bring awareness to the community of the Veterans Commission efforts and how to outreach and promote in social media.

## **7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

As applicable.

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department at 512-974-3459 or [Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov](mailto: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 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>