



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 20, 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 April 15, 2014 regular meeting.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- 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. The next step for creating a “One Stop Shop” for all Veterans in Austin
- c. Coordinating and rescheduling the Veterans Commission meetings for the fall of 2014.
- d. Involvement and participation of all Commission members to attend the Memorial proclamation at City Hall on May 22, 2014 at 10AM.

5. NEW BUSINESS - For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Presentation and discussion led by Christopher Mylo Villanueva, owner of MYLO Obstacle Fitness. Mr. Villanueva will be presenting on what benefits he brings to Veterans on the MYLO fitness gym and how he contributes to Veterans in the community.
- b. Presentation and discussion led by Jack Crawford, AmeriCorps/VetCorps Vista member for the City of Austin Veterans program. Jack will be discussing and presenting the new Veterans resource guide for the City of Austin to the board members and Veteran demographics.
- c. The Concept of welcoming Veterans and service members with banners and signs at the Austin Bergstrom Airport.
- d. Update from Commissioner Chris Garcia on her volunteer opportunity with Community First with Mobile Loaves and Fishes and the VA Tour with the Mayor and council member.

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 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>