



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Street Jones Building (Large Conference Room)
1000 E 11th St,
Austin, TX 78702**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Cassandra St. John, Chair (Spelman)	Del Kolbe (Riley)
Phillip Gutierrez, Vice Chair (Martinez)	Bill McLellan (Leffingwell)
John Conley (Cole)	Linda Yoder (Tovo)
Chris Garcia (Morrison)	

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 June 17, 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. Action and plan to creating a “One Stop Shop” for all Veterans in Austin and input from Commissioner Del Kolbe.
- c. Coordinating and rescheduling the Veterans Commission meetings for November and December 2014.

5. NEW BUSINESS - For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Update from Parks and Recreation Ray Hernandez on the status of Veterans Park.
- b. Presentation and discussion led by Carrie Sconza, Women Veterans Coordinator with Texas Veterans Commission (TVC). She will be updating the commission about housing and bus transportation updates.
- c. Presentation and discuss led by Kerri Harmon, Communication Specialist from TexVet initiative. She will be informing the commissioners about the “One Stop Shop” project and to speak about the mission and services provided by TexVet.
- d. Representative from Commission to assist and support Veterans Day Parade 2014 in planning. Meetings are held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 12:00PM at the Travis County Veterans Services Office.

7. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Discussion on term expirations enacted by the City Clerk’s office

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>