



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **AGENDA**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2014**

**2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Street Jones Building (Conference Room 200A)  
1000 E 11th St,  
Austin, TX 78702**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Cassaundra 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 July 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. Follow up from Carrie Sconza on the meeting with Capital City Metro about bus passes for Veterans using their Veteran Affairs card.
- c. Veterans Day parade and possible contribution from the City of Austin Veterans Commission members. Updates and feedback from the last meeting – Commissioner Bill McLellan and Vice Chair Phillip Gutierrez.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS - For Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Discussion and Q&A session led by Jonathan Babiak from the City of Austin on the recommendation to City Council related to adding Source of Income to Chapter 5-1 of the City Code regarding discrimination in housing.
- b. Update and status from Parks and Recreation Ray Hernandez on the status of Veterans Park.
- c. Lisa Garcia from the Housing Authority for the City of Austin (HACA), Niki Paul from Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO), and Erin Young, HUD-VASH Case Manager from Veteran Affairs will present the figures and data to the commission describing the Veteran Homeless population within the City of Austin and their plan to end this issue by 2015.

## **7. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Update from Allen Bergeron

## **8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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