



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**

**2:00 pm in City Hall Bull Pen Room 1029**

**301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Austin, TX 78701**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Phillip Gutierrez, Chair  
Del Kolbe, Vice Chair  
Michael Denton  
Bill McLellan

Cassandra Melgar C' D Baca  
David Thomas  
Linda Yoder

#### **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 Regular Meeting on December 16, 2014

#### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action**

- a. Updates and reports by the 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. Determine which commissioners will be involved with and assigned to the top three priority working groups. Also, determine a regular schedule of meetings along with their goals for 2015.

- c. Update on legislation concerning the Veterans property tax exemptions.
- d. Discuss initiatives and ideas on ways to compensate landlords and management companies within Austin to encourage them to participate in accepting HUD-VASH housing vouchers for no longer homeless Veterans.

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

- a. Action item: Vote to officially add the ability to form and meet as a working group to the Commission on Veteran's Affairs Bylaws.
- b. Discussion and update from the City of Austin Small Business and Minority department on economically disadvantaged Veterans Business Enterprises (VBE) to our preferred vendors for the City of Austin purchasing bids.
- c. Discussion on creating a hub of networked services at the Highland Mall campus for ACC's "One Stop Shop" initiative.

## **6. STAFF BRIEFINGS**

- a. Texas Veterans Commission 2015 Summit, February 4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in North Austin

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioners propose agenda items for future meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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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>