



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, June 17, 2015

**2:00 pm in City Hall Board and Commissions Room 1101
301 W 2nd Street
Austin, TX 78701**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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

Cassandra Melgar C' D Baca
David Thomas
Nicholas Van Zandt – Mayor Adler

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 April 15, 2015

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. Veterans Park Status and update by Parks and Recreation Architect Rey Hernandez and his team.
- c. 2014 Annual Report status by Chair Phillip Gutierrez

5. NEW BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Partnership with City of Austin, Austin Recovery and Samaritan Center
- b. Last meeting for current commissioners unless re-appointed by the Council.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a) City of Austin Furniture Program for no longer Homeless Veterans
- b) Newly Appointed Commissioners starting July 1 –
 - a. George Harrington - Tovo
 - b. Guillermo Villareal - Renteria
 - c. Jason Denny - Kitchen
 - d. Pete Salazar - Pool
 - e. David Thomas – Re-appointed by Houston
 - f. Cassandra Melgar – C’ De Baca – Re-Appointed by Garza

7. 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>