



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

**6:00 pm in One Texas Center Conference Room 325
505 Barton Springs Rd
Austin, TX 78704**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny – Chair

Douglas O’Connell – CM Gallo

Phillip Gutierrez – CM Troxclair

George Bailey Harrington – MPT Tovo

Cassandra Melgar C’De Baca – CM Garza

VACANT – CM Zimmerman

Pete Salazar – CM Pool

David Thomas – CM Houston

Nicholas Van Zandt – Mayor Adler

Guillermo Villarreal – CM Renteria

VACANT – CM Casar

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 Special Called Meeting on August 19, 2015

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. OLD BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Discussion and updates regarding the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.
 - i. Homeless Veterans:
 - ii. Employment and Education:
 - iii. Female Veterans:
- b. Discussion and action towards completing the Veterans Park in the City of Austin and vote regarding creating a subcommittee for this initiative.

- c. Discussion on 2015 council recommendations and Veterans Resource Center for the City of Austin.

4. NEW BUSINESS – For Discussion and Possible Action

- a. Election of Vice Chair
- b. Discussion and possible vote of amending the Veteran's Commission bylaws
 - i. Meeting monthly vs quarterly
- c. Veterans Day 2015 – Discussion on the commissioner's participation and involvement with the planning committee held at the Travis County Veteran Service Office.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

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>