



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

**6:00 pm in St Jones Building Conference Room 200A  
1000 E 11<sup>th</sup> St  
Austin, TX 78702**

#### **COMMISSION MEMBERS:**

Jason Denny – Chair - CM Kitchen  
Pete Salazar – Vice Chair - CM Pool  
Ed Colinsky – CM Zimmerman  
Douglas O’Connell – CM Gallo  
Phillip Gutierrez – CM Troxclair  
VACANT – CM Garza

George Bailey Harrington – MPT Tovo  
David Thomas – CM Houston  
Guillermo Villarreal – CM Renteria  
Nicholas Van Zandt – Mayor Adler  
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 September 16, 2015

#### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Homeless Veterans Stand Down on October 23 at VFW Post 856 from 9AM-12:30PM – 401 E Alpine Rd
- b. City of Austin Veterans Appreciation luncheon (City Employees only but open to Commissioners) on November 10<sup>th</sup> from 11-1PM
- c. Veterans Day Parade – November 11th
- d. Mayors Proclamation at the Marine Corps Ball on November 14th

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

- e. Discussion and updates regarding the top three priorities for our Veterans in the City of Austin.

- i. Homeless Veterans:
  - ii. Employment, Transitioning Vets and Education:
  - iii. Female Veterans:
- f. Discussion and update regarding the Veterans park initiative for the City of Austin.
- g. Discussion regarding the Veteran's resource center and the tour of ACC from the last meeting.

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

- a. Presentation and overview on the Mayor's Challenge to ending Homeless Veterans by Veteran's Day 2015 and the status of homeless veterans in Austin by Niki Paul the Director of Operations
- b. HEB's assistance and new program with wounded Veterans and their participation with assisting the Mayor's housing challenge.
- c. Presentation and overview by Clay Weger regarding his free business opportunity for Veterans from Freedom Office Supplies.

#### **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](mailto: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>