



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

**6:30 pm in St Jones Building Conference Room 200A
1000 E 11th 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 October 21, 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, Transitioning Vets and Education:
 - iii. Female Veterans:
- b. Discussion and update regarding the Veterans park initiative for the City of Austin.
- c. Update regarding contacting ACC regarding the One Stop Shop Resource Center for Veterans

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. Discussion regarding the creation of a mentorship program for transitioning Veterans to be paired with a City of Austin Employee.
- c. Commission on Veteran Affairs Bylaws

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>