



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

**6:30 pm in ACC Veterans Resource Center (Highland Mall)
6001 Airport Blvd
Austin, TX 78752**

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny – Chair
Pete Salazar – Vice Chair
Douglas O’Connell
Phillip Gutierrez
George Bailey Harrington

David Thomas
Sandra Serna
Guillermo Villarreal
Nicholas Van Zandt
Lloyd Phillips

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 February 17, 2016.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action 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 possible action regarding the Veterans park initiative for the City of Austin.
- c. Discussion and possible action regarding the Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE) initiative and the Special called meeting.
- d. Discussion and possible action on the 2015 City of Austin Veterans Commission End of year report.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation, discussion and possible action on the Military Veteran Peer Network (MVPN) from Chris Araujo, peer services coordinator regarding veteran resources and the Veteran one stop shop initiative.
- b. Discussion and possible action on the 2016 Veterans Day parade and the Confederate flag.

5. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Staff briefing on the Fort Hood Soldier Employment Internship Initiative.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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>