



COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

AGENDA

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

**7:00 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
Zach Goldstein
Ramiro Hinojosa

Adrenne Mendoza
Pete Phillips
Molly Potter
David Thomas
Guillermo Villarreal

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 January 9, 2017.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding the working groups.
 - i. Veteran Business Enterprise (VBE)
 - ii. Veterans Resource Center (One Stop Shop initiative)
 - iii. Veterans Plaza

- b. Updates and discussion regarding the Veterans Plaza initiative for the City of Austin. Representative from Parks and Recreation.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and overview of the initiative to create a Veteran Small Business loan from City of Austin Economics and Business Development team.

- b. Discussion and presentation on creating a Women Veterans roll call in Austin for June and support for women veterans during SXSW from Commissioner Molly Mae Potter.
- c. Last meeting for commissioners with terms ending on February 23, 2017.

5. STAFF UPDATES

- a. Soldier Internship Update
- b. Homeless Veterans

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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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>