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REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2019

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a special called meeting on September 18, 2019 at One Texas Center located on 505 Barton Springs Rd 13th Floor, Austin Texas 78704

Chair Jason Denny called the Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance:

Jason Denny- Chair	Manuel Jimenez
Pete Salazar- Vice Chair	Thomas Just
Alfred Bingham	Adrenne Mendoza
Elisabeth Collura – Rosenberg	Doris Williams

Staff in Attendance: Karen Haywood, Tina Lee

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Chair Denny asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the special called meeting on September 4, 2019. Vice Chair Salazar made a motion to approve the meeting minutes and Commissioner Bingham seconded the motion. Motion passed with no objection.

2. BUSINESS

- An update regarding the SDVBE (Service Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise) from the Purchasing Department. Currently as of March 3rd, no offers for contracts have been issued. Would like better traction, greater outreach, and to look at other success stories from other programs similar. Continuation of this subject to be placed on a future agenda item for further discussion.
- Combined Arms presented to the Commission on the progress of the Needs Assessment and the results they have collected. The final report is to be reviewed by Human Resources and then submitted to the City Manager, Mayor and Council for further discussion. Recommended co-location or having schedule of services to be present at the Veterans Resource Center. Future agenda item: Review of the final report and action to make recommendations.
- The discussion and action towards making a budget recommendation to council regarding the Veterans Resource Center will be dependent on the final report. This item has been voted to be tabled to a future meeting.

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- Commissioner Just requests a Special called meeting in regards to the creation of a City of Austin Office of Military and Veteran Affairs to vote on a statement, budget, process and transition out of the Human Resources Department.
 - Vote was approved on a 7-0-1. Commissioner Al Bingham abstained to needing more information before making a final decision.
- The discussion and possible action regarding the Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be tabled to a future meeting.
- The discussion to adding the date, and time of the commissioner making an agenda request will be further advised by the City Clerk's Office.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- N/A (No public hearings during this meeting)

4. STAFF UPDATES

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

ADJOURN: Chair Denny adjourned the meeting at 9:05 PM without objection