



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2022**

The Commission on Veterans Affairs convened in a Regular Meeting on February 16, 2022 at the City of Austin, Austin Energy Mueller Building 4815 Mueller Blvd., Training Room 1125 Austin, TX 78723. Chair Manuel Jimenez called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Manuel Jimenez - <b>Chair</b>	Maria Brown-Spence
Adrenne Mendoza-Luna <b>Vice Chair</b>	Jose Carrasco
Alfred Bingham	Pete A. Salazar

Staff in Attendance: Sherisa Davis-Larry, Administrator, Office of Civil Rights (OCR); Jonathan Babiak, Business Process Consultant, OCR; Flynn Lee, Investigator, OCR

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

#### **1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Jimenez asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the regular called meeting on January 19, 2022. Commissioner Bingham made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Commissioner Salazar second. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Chair Jimenez, Vice Chair Mendoza-Luna, and Commissioners Bingham, Brown-Spence, Carrasco, and Salazar in favor.

#### **2) OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding Commission Working Groups and the Commission's 2021-22 goals. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
  - i. Create and fund a Veterans Office
  - ii. Identifying any veteran encampments and number of homeless veterans located in the City of Austin
  - iii. Organize a task force to work with other commissions to organize a Veterans FestivalThe Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.
- b) Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to correct or revert the park name "Veterans Pocket Park" to read "Veterans Park." (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Jason Denny)

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

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- c) Presentation by Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, City of Austin Office of Sustainability, followed by discussion and possible action on the food planning process and emergency operations. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)

The presenter was unavailable. The Commission took no action on this item. The Commission agreed to return this item to a future agenda.

### **3) NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **4) STAFF UPDATES**

None

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**ADJOURN:** Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM on unanimous consent.