



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**City of Austin Permitting & Development Center
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr., Rooms 1401 &1402
Austin, TX 78752**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Manuel Jimenez (Chair) Sabino Renteria (3)	Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo (9)
Adrenne Mendoza (Vice) Vanessa Fuentes (2)	Jason Denny – Ann Kitchen (5)
Alfred Bingham – Natasha Harper-Madison (1)	Kevin Lenau – Allison Alter (10)
Maria Brown-Spence – Mayor Steve Adler	Pete Salazar – Leslie Pool (7)
Jose Carrasco – Greg Casar (4)	Christopher “Cam” Wilson – Paige Ellis (8)
Charles W. Cupp – Mackenzie Kelly (6)	

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely by telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation. To register please contact Jennifer Harless at 512-974-3471 or jennifer.harless@austintexas.gov

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers who register will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs regular meeting on April 20, 2022.

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 Festival

- b) 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)
- c) Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to Council regarding fee waivers for Austin Veteran Arts (AVA) Festival from Glenn Towery presentation regarding the AVAFEST 2022. Sponsors: Jimenez/Salazar

3) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Election of Commission Officers

4) STAFF UPDATES

- a. Reminder-email addresses used for Boards and Commissions. Requirement for use of City email only.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NOTE: Next meeting is Wednesday, June 15, 2022

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