

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Councilors

January 14, 2016

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680

Vancouver, Washington

Chair: Bob Nichols

Vice Chair: Thomas Kula

Secretary: Candis Oliver

Meeting called to order by Bob Nichols

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

POST

40 et 8

American Legion #14

American Legion #27

American Legion #168

American Legion #176

American Veterans #6

DAV Chapter #4

Korean War Assoc. #321

Marine Corps League #826

VFW #4278

VFW #7824

VFW # 12028

Vietnam Vets #512

Members at Large

PRIMARY

Steve Slegers

Dixie Hotaling

Elisa Cotton

Robert Nichols

Michael Gibson

John Lovejoy

Thomas Kula

George Raynor

Lou Basté

John Raynor

Bruce Maas

Skip Bengé

Greg Whitson

Kevin Lawson

Candis Oliver

ALTERNATE

Sam Grooms

Dean Collins

Shawn O'Neil

Richard Langenbach

Jonathan Frederick

Bubba Conway

Frank Hyatt

Randy Warneke

Michael Cassel

Dale Rex

Dave Barton

Joseph Fettig

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: **Nick Herber**, (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); **Michael Torres**, (Clark County); **Mark Boldt**, (Clark County); **Jennifer Hibbs**, (Washington National Guard); **Kelly Jones**, (Clark College); **Steve Raynor**, (visitor)

Mark Boldt, County Council Chair

Council Chair Boldt offered the County's support and commitment to serve Veterans in Clark County.

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The minutes were approved following a motion by John Raynor and a second by Lou Baste.

Jennifer Hibbs, Contractor with Washington National Guard

Jennifer Hibbs provides employment transition assistance for veterans and their families. She is available at the Armed Forces Reserve Center, 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Committee Reports

Appeals

Two denials, one for auto repair and one for a gas voucher, were approved on appeal.

Policies and Procedures

The proposed changes to the policies were approved by the Board of County Councilors, December 15, 2015.

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November Contractor Reports & County Fund Report

The Veterans Assistance Center received 575 veterans' visits and 458 volunteer hours; 149 veterans received emergency assistance. The Free Clinic treated eight veteran dental patients, for which the fund was billed \$1,000. The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was \$427,438 at the end of November.

Veterans Assistance Center Update

Joe Fettig reported that the Center will be sending letters to veteran organizations, the Advisory Board, and other interested parties requesting funds to complete the installation of a chair-lift for the stairs at the Center, and for funds and volunteers for the Stand Down. It is anticipated an additional \$10,000 will be needed for the Stand Down. Volunteers are always welcome at the Center.

Old Business

No discussion at this time.

New Business

CVTV reports of the number of viewers of board meetings and for Veterans and Memorial Day events in 2015 will be requested.

The Department of Community Services' is performing strategic planning. Board members will be asked to provide feedback on proposed mission, vision, and values for the department.

Open Forum

Women Veterans will meet at 11:00 a.m., on January 23, 2016, at the 40 et 8. The organization is applying for 501(c)3 status.

The USS Stennis and the USS Nimitz, two nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, are homeported in Bremerton. The Stennis sets sail January 15.

Southwest Washington Vietnamese Society Festival is February 6.

Adjournment

Greg Whitson moved to adjourn the meeting; Lou Baste seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

February 11, 2016, at 1400 hours, in the Councilors' Hearing Room.