

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Councilors

February 11, 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]

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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: Ron Brandon (Marine Corps League); Michael Torres, John Jokela (Clark County); Kelly Jones, (Clark College); Judy Russel (Veterans Assistance Center); Michael Langsdorf (citizen)

January 14, 2016, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Greg Whitson that was seconded by Bruce Maas.

Committee Reports

Appeals

Two appeals were approved; a third for auto repair is pending.

Policies and Procedures

The committee has not yet met this year. Adding guidelines for working with disruptive clients at the Veterans Assistance Center may be discussed.

December Contractor Reports & County Fund Report

The Veterans Assistance Center received 588 veterans' visits and 537 volunteer hours; 75 veterans received emergency assistance. The Free Clinic treated six veteran dental patients, for which the fund was billed \$2,221. The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was \$324,746 at the end of December.

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Veterans Assistance Center Update

The Veterans Assistance Center distributes annual food vouchers to families, monthly food boxes provided by the Sunshine Division, and is now working with FISH. In December, the Center was billed about \$13,000 in food. The Center has hired two new Services Officers. The Fourth Annual Black and White Gala will be held May 13, at 5:30 p.m., at the Heathman Lodge. Cost is \$60 per person. The annual Golf Tournament will be held June 21, at 1:00, p.m. at the Tri-Mountain Golf Course in Ridgefield. Cost is \$95 per person and includes cart and dinner.

Department of Community Services Mission, Vision, and Values Update and Feedback

The Department of Community Services' (DCS) is performing strategic planning. John Jokela presented proposed mission, vision, and values for the department, as part of defining long-term goals and implementing Theory of Change. Most DCS services are contracted through other agencies. Current DCS programs include: Drug and Alcohol recovery, Crisis intervention, Community Housing (including Community Funds and Veterans), Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health, and the Youth House. Concern was raised that many Clark County citizens are not aware of the services provided by DCS, or that the final product will not be implemented.

Open Forum

Mike Langsdorf requested to be placed on the agenda in March to discuss parking at the VA campus and other issues.

Old Business

CVTV viewership numbers were provided. Memorial and Veterans Day events have higher viewership.

New Business

Kelly Jones and Jennifer Hibbs submitted letters of intent to serve as members at large. Discussion identified that Section 2.1 of the bylaws does not preclude members of posts from representing other recognized veteran groups in this capacity. **A motion was made by Mike Gibson and seconded by Randy Warneke to accept Kelly Jones and Jennifer Hibbs as members at large. Motion carried.**

Adjournment

Dixie Hotaling moved to adjourn the meeting; Bruce Maas seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting

March 10, 2016, at 1400 hours, in the Councilors' Hearing Room.