

# Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Board of Councilors

September 8, 2016

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680

Vancouver, Washington

**Chair: Bob Nichols**

**Vice Chair: Randy Warneke**

**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

**Randy Warneke**

**Lou Basté**

**John Raynor**

**Bruce Maas**

**Skip Benge**

**Greg Whitson**

Kevin Lawson

Candis Oliver

Jennifer Hibbs

**Kelly Jones**

## ALTERNATE

Sam Grooms

Dean Collins

Shawn O'Neil

Richard Langenbach

Jonathan Frederick

Michael Langsdorf

**Frank Hyatt**

Morris Giesler

Ron Brandon

Michael Cassel

Dale Rex

Dave Barton

**Joseph Fettig**

**Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley**

**Guests: Judy Russel, Nick Herber** (Veterans Assistance Center); **Rodger Morrison, Linda O'Leary** (Windhaven Therapeutic Riding); **Michael Torres** (Clark County); **Mike Stacey, Ron Powers** (Pure Kraze Events for Veterans)

## **August 11, 2016, Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved following a motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Greg Whitson.

## **Committee Reports**

**Appeals:** An appeal was made, but resolution is pending additional information.

**Policies and Procedures:** According to the policies, an unruly veteran may be banned from the Center. Clarification is being discussed on whether he/she may receive funding.

## **July Contractor Reports & County Fund Report**

The Veterans Assistance Center received 514 veterans' visits and 733 volunteer hours; 76 veteran households received emergency assistance. Beginning next month, reports will include the number of veterans who are homeless. It was requested this distinguish between male and female. The Free Clinic treated five dental patients. The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was \$327,613 at the end of July.

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**Veterans Assistance Center Update**

- The stair lift is complete. When in operation, a monitor must be at both the top and the bottom of the stairs.
- The car show was well-attended, and proceeds were good.

**Veterans Stand Down update**

Attendance at the Stand Down included 71 veterans who are homeless and 153 housed veterans. It was served by 66 providers and 132 volunteers. Total cost was \$6,828.

**Old Business**

- Veterans Village  
The Vancouver City Planning Commission meets September 27 to discuss changing the zoning at 5118 NE St. James Road from commercial to residential to permit construction of 18 microhomes for female veterans. The City has agreed to pay the zoning change fees. This discussion moves to the City Council for approval on December 5. Fundraising activities and grant applications are being completed to raise the anticipated \$600,000 needed to complete construction.

**New Business**

- A flea market to benefit veterans who are homeless is scheduled for September 24 at the 40<sup>th</sup> St. Fifty spaces are available for reservation at \$25 each.
- C-Tran routes have changed around the Vancouver VA campus.
- The Windhaven Therapeutic program was inspected by the Veterans Administration. Vendor paperwork is in process to permit services to be billed to the VA. Two riders and two volunteers were identified at the Stand Down. The first class will start in October.

**Open Forum**

- A Patriots Day ceremony to honor first responders is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, on Sunday, September 11.
- September 17 is National POW/MIA Day. A ceremony will be held at the Armed Forces Reserve Center at 11:00 a.m.
- The Vietnam Memorial dedication, honoring 59 Clark County veterans who died in Vietnam, will be held at the VA campus on October 15 at 11:00 a.m.
- The annual soccer ball Kick for Nick campaign collected 413 balls at recent events.
- A new mural of George C Marshall will be painted at the VFW Memorial on the waterfront.
- Freedom's Path is holding a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on September 21.
- The Veterans Advisory Board has been invited to participate in a work session to discuss the budget and the veterans' fund. The date has not yet been set.

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. following a motion by John Raynor that was seconded by Skip Bengel.**

**Next Meeting**

October 13, 2016, at 1400 hours, in the Public Service Center Training Room 679