

Mayor's Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs  
Minutes  
October 4, 2016

1. Meeting details:
  - a. Meeting was called to order by Mr Wingo
  - b. Convened at 1630 hrs, adjourned at 1700 hrs.
  - c. Minutes taken by OVA staff member Tyneisha Owens in the absence of board secretary Dalzell.
  - d. Audio recording was made by Mr. Mack and will be posted to Open Government website.
2. Board Members
  - a. No quorum was present and attendance was not recorded.
3. Votes taken: None
4. Updates from MOVA Director:
  - a. Director Ross introduced himself to the board.
  - b. He reviewed his initial ideas on the challenges ahead, including the following:
    - i. Create a veteran-friendly city and environment
    - ii. Resourceful area
    - iii. HOUSING: pathways to ending veteran homelessness
5. Due-outs from board members or committees:
  - a. Economic Resiliency
    - i. Strategic Plan can be changed with a vote from the board
    - ii. Outline priorities: "What's the focus?"
  - b. Education
    - i. Victoria Pridemore will be departing for deployment on 10/16
    - ii. Board member, Lyamar Curry will be overseeing the committee until her return
    - iii. MASCO (Metro Area School Certifying Officials) are currently in the process of working with the student veteran community in the district.
6. New Business:
  - a. Time: issues with attendance were discussed; not all board members were in attendance and haven't been for a few meetings.
  - b. Adjusting by-laws in the future to ensure that rules are being abided by.
  - c. Looking forward to achieving meeting attendance quorum
7. Old business:
  - a. The board resumed discussion of the needs for an improved website.
    - i. Key points included the following:
      1. Newsletter (Flash News)
      2. Legislation awareness
      3. Community Relationship building (technology)
      4. Real-time updates
      5. Military.com resources
    - ii. (Lane Williams has agreed to take responsibility for data collection)
8. Guest speakers: None
9. Public comments: None

10. Upcoming meetings and events

- a. Next monthly board meeting will be held November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen R. Dalzell  
Secretary

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