

# Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting

OF THE CITY OF EL PASO

September 18, 2020

10:00 AM

Teleconference phone number 1-915-213-4096

Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267

Conference ID: 816 249 203#



## MAYOR

Dee Margo

## TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS DUE TO EMERGENCY

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Tommy Gonzalez

The Texas Governor temporarily suspended specified provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act to allow telephonic or videoconference meetings and to avoid congregate settings in physical locations.

Notice is hereby given that the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso will be conducted on August 21, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Members of the public may view the meeting via the following means:

Via the City's website. <http://www.elpasotexas.gov/videos>

Via television on City15

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofelpasotx/videos>

In compliance with the requirement that the City provide two-way communication for members of the public, members of the public may communicate with the committee during public comment, and regarding agenda items by calling the following number:

1-915-213-4096 or Toll free number: 1-833-664-9267

At the prompt please enter the following Conference ID: 353 062 490#

The public is strongly encouraged to sign up to speak on items on this agenda before the start of this meeting by emailing the following:

[AlbrightPD@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:AlbrightPD@elpasotexas.gov)

**The following members of the VAAC will be present via video conference:**

**Chairman Lance Lehr, Vice Chairman Bruce Biegel, Secretary Reginald Daniel, and Committee Members Hope Jackson, Dan Parrott, Laura Butler, Justin Rotti, and Dean Sanders. District 1 is currently Vacant.**

**A quorum of the VAAC must participate in the meeting.**

**Paul Albright – Chief Military Officer**

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## AGENDA

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. **Citizen Comment Period:** (individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken)
4. **Discussion and Action on Absent or No Show VACC Members:**  
Reginald Daniel District 4  
Laura Butler District 5
5. **Discussion and Action to approve minutes of August 21st, 2020**
6. **Discussion and action on whether a charter change is necessary for City Veteran's hiring initiatives. (Update from city attorneys and HR)**
7. **Discussion and action on the resolution re-establishing the VAAC**
8. **Discussion and action on updating VAAC By-Laws**
9. **Discussion and action on the Veterans Homeless PSH**
10. **Discussion and Action:** Sub Committee Chairs update on assigned focus areas.  
Bruce Biegel – Employment  
Hope Jackson – Homelessness  
Marketing- Lance Lehr
11. **Discussion:** Update from El Paso County Veterans Advisory Board
12. **Division of Veteran and Military Affairs Update**
13. **Announcements**
14. **Next VAAC Meeting:** October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10:00 AM Virtual Meeting online.
15. **Adjourn**

### VAAC Sub-Committees

**Employment-** Bruce Biegel Chair), Don Parrott, Dean Sanders, Hope Jackson, Lance Lehr, Laura Butler

**Homelessness-** Hope Jackson (Chair), Don Parrott, Reginald Daniel, Justin Rotti

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**Marketing / Outreach** – Lance Lehr (Chair), Bruce Biegel Dean Sanders, Laura Butler

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## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

*The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee of the City of El Paso may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discussed in Executive Session, but the Veterans Affairs Advisory Community of the City of El Paso may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meeting Act.)*

*The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward items for public discussion, as appropriate.*

**Section 551.071 CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**

**Section 551.072 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**

**Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE**

## GIFTS

**Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS**

**Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY DEVICES**

**Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC**

## DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

*Sign Language interpreters will be provided for this meeting upon request. Requests must be made to the Community Development department at phone number 915-212-1654 a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting. Copies of these Minutes will be provided in Braille, large print or audiotape upon request. Requests must be made a minimum of 48 hours prior to the date and time of the meeting.*

POSTED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September 2020 AT 12:50 BY PAUL ALBRIGHT

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