



## Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

January 30, 2017 – 11:00 am  
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1, Council Chambers

### MINUTES

#### Members Present

Brian Kennedy  
Lynn Westbrook  
Joe Fierro  
Siria Rocha  
Bill Sparks  
Daisy Ramos

#### City Staff Present

Soraya A. Palacios, Neighborhood Relations Coordinator  
Omar A de la Rosa, Assistant City Attorney  
Raul Escobedo, Assistant Director Sun Metro  
Yolie Cedillo, Secretary

1. Call to Order  
Motion made by Bill Sparks and seconded by Lynn Westbrook for Joe Fierro to act as Chairperson for this meeting.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call & Discussion and Action on Committee absences
4. Discussion & Action on absent or no show VAAC members for January 30, 2017 meeting  
\* **Michael Flores** \***Tommy L. Loyd**  
Motion made by Bill Sparks and passes unanimously to excuse both absentees.
5. Citizen Comment Period (individuals limited to 3 minutes; no specific action may be taken)  
None
6. Discussion and Action to approve minutes of November 7, 2016  
Motion made by Bill Sparks and seconded by Daisy Romero to approve minutes. Motion passes.
7. Election of Chair  
Motion made by Mr Kennedy and seconded by Mr Sparks to postpone item until next meeting. Motion passes.
8. Discussion and Action to approve **2017 VAAC Meeting Schedule** (2 Options attached)  
Motion made by Brian Kennedy and seconded by Bill Spark to postpone item until next meeting.
9. Update from Bill Sparks on meeting with City Manager
  - City Manager, Tommy Gonzalez informs Mr Sparks that a Military Affairs Liaison position was created
  - A tab that lists different types of resources for veterans is now on the city website.

10. Update: Sun Metro Veterans Ride Proposal (Sun Metro)  
Raul Escobedo states that 1 more agency signed up for the veterans ride program.
11. Update: Housing Sub-Committee  
Nothing to report
12. Update: Employment Sub-Committee  
Nothing to report
13. Discussion: Committee members report on upcoming Veteran events in the community  
February 6, Texas Veterans Commissions Summit – Double Tree Hotel Austin, Texas
14. Identification and discussion of items for future agendas.
  - Election of officers
  - Add item to agenda to fill vacancies
  - Add discussion regarding sub-committee assignments
  - Bill Sparks to update the committee on the summit events.
  - Further discussion about scheduling special meetings
15. Adjourn  
Motion made by Joe Fierro and seconded by Siria Rocha to adjourn meeting at 12:30 p.m.