



Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee

February 18, 2016 – 1:00 pm
300 N. Campbell – CITY 1
Council Chambers

MINUTES

Committee Members Present

Aldina Rosales
David Nevarez
Bill Sparks
Tommy Loyd
Lynn Westbrook (late arrival)
Michael Flores (late arrival)
Daisy Ramos

Members Not Present

Siria Rocha
Joe Fierro
Brian Kennedy

Staff and others present

Verónica R. Soto, AICP, Director
Don Minton – Legal Department
Raul Escobedo – Sun Metro
Yolie Cedillo – CD Secretary

1. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call & Discussion and Action on Committee absences
Motion made and passed to excuse absences
4. Update on required training for Committee members, status of training requirements and review of the Open Meetings Act.
Don Minton presents a slide show on Ethics and the Open Meetings Act. He responds to general questions from the committee after his presentation.
Daisy Ramos states her certificates for the required trainings printed with the year 2006 instead of 2016.
5. Discussion and Action to approve presenting to City Council item on transportation ahead of other items under review and to prepare for said presentation.
Mr. Sparks makes the following recommendations:
 - Allow social service agencies to purchase passes at a fixed price and award

- them to veterans that meet the criteria of a veteran.
- Have a discounted price for disabled veterans as an alternative.
 - Veterans could show a Texas drivers' license or a Texas I.D that says Veteran or present their DOD (Department of Defense) I.D. card. Active military could show their CAC (Common Access Card) card.

Ms. Soto and Don Minton recommend for the committee to define "veteran" in their proposals to city council.

Motion made by Aldina Rosales and seconded by Tommy Loyd and unanimously passed to present transportation recommendations to city council on March 8, 2016.

Motion made by Bill Sparks and seconded by Aldina Rosales to accept the options he suggested and to include them on the presentation to city council. Motion passes.

Motion made by Aldina Rosales and seconded by Bill Sparks to accept the definition of a veteran as defined by CFR Title 38§3.1

6. Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Chair

Date

Secretary