

Ricky Fernandez, Chair
Ryan Antes, Vice Chair
Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner
Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner
Carlos Gonzalez, Commissioner



Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner
Mike Shaknovich, Commissioner
Josh Smith, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fernandez called meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos Gonzalez, Gustavo
Present: Orozco, Mike Shaknovich, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky
Fernandez

19-017VA Recommendation to approve minutes for the Veterans Affairs
Commission special meeting held on April 9, 2019.

This VA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Guests present, John Oppenheim and Sarah Green, did not have public comments.

REGULAR AGENDA

CHAIR REPORT - Strategic Plan Retreat Recap

Commission Coordinator G. Overholt reported on a successful Commission planning retreat wherein the team reviewed a literature review, an analysis of 30+ interviews with Veterans community stakeholders, and analysis and maps of Veterans demographic data, and determined working goals for the Veterans Strategic Plan.

STAFF REPORT

19-018VA Recommendation to discuss Veterans Commission Strategic Plan

Commission Coordinator G. Overholt summarized the draft goals. The Commission discussed next steps following the planning retreat including community input sessions, and a reiterative draft and review process.

This VA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

19-019VA Recommendation to discuss Community Participation Strategies (per the Strategic Plan)

The Commission explored the next steps are to organize community input sessions where Veterans gather. These events will be promoted. Commissioners will lead interactives with attendees. Commissioners will seek partner organizations and venues for these sessions. The Commission moved to approve this plan for moving forward.

This VA-Agenda Item was to approve the recommendation to move forward with a plan to organize and hold community input sessions on the draft goals of the strategic plan.

19-020VA Recommendation to discuss Veterans Empowerment Training Session on June 29

The Commission discussed the details of a VET session on June 29. Commissioners are assisting with securing a venue, speakers, supplies and refreshments, as well as promoting this session focused on a panel discussion and employment and training-related resources. The Commission motioned to approve this event, which will also include a strategic plan community input session.

This VA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation for planning and delivering a VET session on June 29.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Veterans events were announced.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Veterans Strategic Plan will continue to be an agenda item.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.