Veterans Affairs Commission Meeting Minutes  
November 14, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Vice Chair Aleem  
Location: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway, Eagle Room  
Present: Commissioners Aleem, Burrell, Charlip, Donaldson, Chase  
Absent: Commissioners Camara, Echols, Francis (excused)  
City Liaison: Claudine McDonald, Community Relations Manager  
City of Aurora Staff: Joshua Nicholas – Administrative Specialist  
Guests: John Savage, Joe Zmugg, Ron Smith, Doug Woodder, Melissa Sayouth, Terrell Horton  

Minutes: Commissioner Donaldson moved to approve Sept. 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Charlip. Commissioner Charlip moved to approve Oct. 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Donaldson. Minutes were approved unanimously without corrections.

Public Invited to Speak: None.

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<td>VAC Recognition: Rep. Jason Crow’s Office</td>
<td>- VAC Commissioners were presented with a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, from Rep. Jason Crow, for their ongoing work to support Veterans in the community. Terrell Horton, Constituent Advocate presented award.</td>
<td>- Joshua to make copies of Certificate for commissioners.</td>
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<td>Vice Chair Report: Vice Chair Aleem</td>
<td>- Vice Chair Aleem provided an overview of the Stand Down and discussed ideas for the 2020 Stand Down.</td>
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| Staff Report: Claudine McDonald | - Provided updates on Aurora Health Jam, One Place Project, 34th Annual MLK Commemoration, and extended invitations to commissioners to attend the 51st annual Aurora Interfaith Community Services Gala.  
- Stand Down final numbers: 133 total participants, 85 Veteran participants, Pre-event & day of volunteers: 155, average length of volunteer service: 4 hours, total volunteer hours: 620, value of volunteer service: $15,766.60  
- Community Relations Division sponsored a special Veterans Appreciation Dinner from 6 – 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2019 for members of the VAC.                                                                                       |                                                                                                |
| Committee Report:           | - City Council Liaison: Commissioner Echols – absent - no report.  
- Economic Development: Commissioner Camara – absent – no report.                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                |
### Special Events

- **Commissioner Chase**: provided overview of Stand Down partners and volunteers. Chair Francis, Vice Chair Aleem, and Commissioner Chase to debrief Stand Down Day with Claudine and Joshua.
- **Budget**: no updates.

### Unfinished Business

- **MLK Jr. 2020 Event**: Claudine invited interested commissioners to participate in the planning of the 34th annual MLK Commemoration. Commissioner Charlip and VAC volunteer Stanley Dallas agreed to join planning committee.

### New Business

- **New VAC Applications**: The VAC has three applications in queue and interviews have been conducted. Final recommendation to City Council to be discussed at the Dec. 2019 VAC meeting.

### Announcements

- None

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**Meeting Adjourned**: 7:41 p.m.

**Next meeting**: The next VAC meeting will be held on January 9, 2020 in the Eagle Room at 6 p.m.

**Minutes transcribed by**: Joshua Nicholas on 12/10/2019 at 7:55 a.m.

**APPROVED**: [Signature]
Chair Francis