



## **Annual Internal Review**

### **This report covers the time period of 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016**

(This report is covering the transition date to 10-1 and in accordance with Ordinance No. 20141211-204. This report is due July 31, 2016. Please note that this is to be completed by the Chair of the board or commission. While a board action is not required to complete this form, I highly recommend this be a collaborative effort of the board.)

### **Commission on Veterans Affairs**

#### **The Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:**

The purpose and duties of the board are to evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices designed to alleviate veterans difficulties in meeting basic needs, obtaining housing, employment, and comprehensive mental health assistance; act as a clearinghouse for information relating to the status of veterans in the Austin community; accumulate information concerning the needs of veterans in the Austin community, including available services and legal rights, and advocate to city council regarding these needs; recommend ways to: educate the community on the status of veterans rights and needs, and veterans contributions to our community; and stimulate an awareness among the public and private sector of veterans full potential and of the importance of veterans contributions to the development of the community; identify and review the entire range of services available to veterans, and recommend ways to: strengthen existing services for veterans and pursue new services for veterans; promote collaboration between service providers; and expand resources available to veterans.

**1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

- Employment and Education –
  - VBE (Veteran Business Enterprise) – City of Austin SMBR Office
  - Veterans Resource Center – Austin Community College
  - Fort Hood Soldier Employment Internship Initiative
- Homeless and Housing –
- Women Veterans –

City of Austin Veterans Memorial at Vic Mathias Shores  
City of Austin Veterans Day Parade  
City of Austin Veterans Appreciation Lunch  
City of Austin Women Veterans Appreciation Lunch  
City of Austin Veterans Day Proclamation  
City of Austin Memorial Day Proclamation

**2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.**

- Yes, the 2016's board actions comply according to the mission statement.

**3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.**

- Assist with the Mayor's initiative to ending Veteran Homelessness
- Assist with the City of Austin Fort Hood Internship program for a full wide scale roll out throughout the whole city by 2017
- Assist and develop a "One Stop Shop" initiative for the City of Austin
- Continue to pursue the top three initiatives for the Veteran's commission.
- City of Austin Veterans Memorial at Vic Mathias Shores
- Veteran Affairs and Texas Veteran Land Board community benefits symposium.