



**COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS
REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
301 West Second Street
City Hall Bull Pen Room 1029
Austin, TX 78701**

AGENDA

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Jason Denny (Chair) Ann Kitchen: District 5 Josephine Hinds – Jimmy Flannigan: District 6
Pete Salazar (Vice Chair) Leslie Pool: District 7 Manuel Jimenez – Sabino Renteria: District 3
Daarel Burnette – Mayor Steve Adler Adrenne Mendoza – Delia Garza: District 2
Chris Ehlinger – Alison Alter: District 10 Molly Potter – Greg Casar: District 4
Zach Goldstein – Kathie Tovo: District 9 David Thomas – Ora Houston: District 1
Phillip Gutierrez – Ellen Troxclair: District 8

CALL TO ORDER

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address items not posted on the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs special called meeting on June 3, 2018.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and update on Veterans Commission Annual Report from Chairman Denny
- b) Discussion and update on Veterans Resource Center Budget Resolution Recommendation and Veterans Resource Center Workgroup from Chairman Denny on behalf of Commissioner Potter
- c) Discussion and update regarding the status of the Veterans Park by the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department from Rey Hernandez.

- d) Discussion and update regarding AVAFEST by Glenn Towery from the Veteran Suicide Prevention Channel / Austin Veterans Art Festival

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Presentation and discussion regarding Waco's Heart of Texas Veterans One Stop from Director DeLisa Russell.
- b) Discussion and possible action with Veterans Parade Committee Chair Jim Darwin on the official stance of the Veterans parade committee in regards to the confederate flag and any group that may apply that promotes symbols of hate or racial superiority.

5. STAFF BRIEFING

- a) Staff briefing regarding political activity for Boards & Commissions members.
- b) Staff briefing regarding the location of the Veteran Services Office and Veteran Resource Center.
- c) Staff briefing on The Mayor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families; a partnership initiative with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA)

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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Please call Allen Bergeron at the Veterans Program Department at 512-974-3459 or Allen.Bergeron@austintexas.gov for additional information; TTY users route through Relay Texas at 711.

For more information on the Veterans Commission, please contact Tina Lee at 512-974-3306 or visit <http://www.austintexas.gov/content/commission-veterans-affairs-1>