



**COMMISSION ON VETERAN AFFAIRS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

**City of Austin Permitting & Development Center
6310 Wilhelmina Delco Dr, Room 1406
Austin, TX 78752**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Manuel Jimenez (Chair) Sabino Renteria (3)	Elisabeth Collura-Rosenberg – Kathie Tovo (9)
Adrenne Mendoza (Vice) Vanessa Fuentes (2)	Jason Denny – Ann Kitchen (5)
Alfred Bingham – Natasha Harper-Madison (1)	Thomas Just – Paige Ellis (8)
Maria Brown-Spence – Mayor Steve Adler	Kevin Lenau – Allison Alter (10)
Jose Carrasco – Greg Casar (4)	Pete Salazar – Leslie Pool (7)
Charles W. Cupp – Mackenzie Kelly (6)	

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Speakers who register will be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the minutes from the Commission on Veterans Affairs regular meeting on November 17, 2021.

2) OLD BUSINESS

None

3) NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding Commission Working Groups and the Commission's 2021-22 goals. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
 - i. Create and fund a Veterans Office
 - ii. Identifying any veteran encampments and number of homeless veterans located in the City of Austin
 - iii. Organize a task force to work with other commissions to organize a Veterans Festival
- b) Discussion and possible action on the recommendation to rename the Veterans Service Office to HRD USERRA program. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)
- c) Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to correct or revert the park name "Veterans Pocket Park" to read "Veterans Park." (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Jason Denny)

- d) Presentation by Edwin Marty, Food Policy Manager, City of Austin Office of Sustainability, followed by discussion and possible action on the food planning process and emergency operations. (Sponsors: Manuel Jimenez, Pete Salazar)

4) STAFF UPDATES

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

NOTE: Next meeting is Wednesday, February 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

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