



## **COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
January 19, 2022**

The Commission on Veteran Affairs convened in a Regular Meeting on January 19, 2022 at the City of Austin Planning and Development Center, 6310 Wilhelmina Delco Drive, Austin, Texas 78752.

Chair Manuel Jimenez called the Board Meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Board Members in Attendance:

Manuel Jimenez - <b>Chair</b>	Jason Denny
Alfred Bingham	Kevin Lenau
Maria Brown-Spence	Pete A. Salazar
Jose Carrasco	

Staff in Attendance: Jonathan Babiak, Business Process Consultant, Office of Civil Rights (OCR); Flynn Lee, Investigator, OCR

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

None

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Jimenez asked the Commission members to review the minutes from the regular called meeting on November 17, 2021. Commissioner Denny made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Commissioner Lenau second. Motion passed on a vote of 6-0 with Chair Jimenez and Commissioners Bingham, Brown-Spence, Carrasco, Denny, and Lenau in favor.

### **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
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The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

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- b) Discussion and possible action on the recommendation to rename the Veterans Service Office to HRD USERRA program. (Sponsors: Pete Salazar, Manuel Jimenez)

The Commission discussed this item. Chair Jimenez read the draft recommendation. After discussion, Commissioner Denny moved adoption, Commissioner Salazar second. The recommendation was adopted on a vote of 7-0 by all members present.

- 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)

The Commission discussed this item. The Commission took no action on this item.

- 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)

The Commission discussed this item. The presenter was not available. By unanimous consent the item will be returned to a future agenda. The Commission took no action on this item.

### 4. STAFF UPDATES

None

**ADJOURN:** Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM on unanimous consent.