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King County Veterans Advisory Board

August 20th, 2020

10:00am – 10:50am

Remote Meeting

Zoom Meeting: <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/92492579232>

Phone: 253.215.8782 | **Meeting ID:** 924 9257 9232

Call to Order

Chair Alicia Starova

- Approval of Agenda (Action)
 - David Waggoner requested to add a discussion of the Vets Engaged program and impacts of COVID-19 limitations to the New Business section of the agenda.
 - ACTION: Agenda is approved as amended.
- Land Acknowledgment

"I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Puget Sound Salish and Duwamish People, and honor, with gratitude, the land itself as well as pay respect to elders both past and present."

Introductions

5 min

- Present: Alicia Starova (Chair), Chris Porter (Vice Chair), Chuck Murrell, Carol Stripling, David Waggoner, Peter Lewis, Robert White, Samantha Powers
- DCHS Staff: Kip Swanson, Leon Richardson, Adam Schmidt

Public Comment

Chair Alicia Starova

5 min

- No public comments

Old Business

Chair Alicia Starova

5 min

- Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action)
 - Minutes from the Dec. 19th meeting were reviewed. No edits suggested.
 - ACTION: The minutes from the Dec. 19th meeting were approved.

New Business

- KCVP Update (Presentation) Leon Richardson 25 min
 - Leon provides updates on the work of the King County Veterans Program (KCVP); including COVID-19 housing stability assistance, outreach initiative, roll-out of virtual services, and planned relocation of the Belltown office to Northgate location.
 - Some board members express interest in reviewing financial details, related to KCVP as well as the final details of the previous levy (Veterans and Human Services Levy). Staff clarified the distinction between the Veterans Advisory Board and the VSHSL



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Advisory Board, explaining that levy-related requests should go through the VSHSL Advisory Board or when this group is meeting as the VSHSL veterans committee rather than as the Veterans Advisory Board. Some board members express interest in reviewing financial details of the KCVP program on a quarterly basis. Board will revisit the topic at a future meeting, when more time is available for discussion and information can be considered in context of a work plan. Staff will explore options for providing information of interest.

- Vacant Positions (Discussion) Chair Alicia Starova 5 min
 - Did not discuss due to limited time available. Will discuss at the next meeting, or if the topic comes up in the VSHSL Advisory Board.
- Vets Engaged (Discussion)
 - Concern was raised whether levy-funded Vets Engaged program awardees would be able to implement activities by year-end, given the restrictions related to COVID-19. Staff noted that levy staff have been in contact with awardees to discuss impacts and planning at an individual level, and that awardees with specific questions/concerns should follow-up with levy staff to discuss.

Next Steps

Chair Alicia Starova

5 min

- Meetings/times/dates/locations
 - Chair will follow up with King County staff liaison, to relay plans on whether the group will be meeting next as the Veterans Advisory Board or as the veterans committee of the VSHSL Advisory Board. Staff will relay meeting plans to board members in advance of September's VSHSL Advisory Board meeting.
- Future Agenda Items
 - Nothing specifically noted, beyond follow-up items from this meeting.

Adjourn

Chair Alicia Starova