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King County Veterans Advisory Board

December 17th 2020

10:00 – 10:50am

Remote Meeting

Zoom Meeting: <https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/94325927386>

Phone: 253.215.8782 | **Webinar ID:** 943 2592 7386 | **Passcode:** 409922

Call to Order

Vice-Chair Robert White

Approval of Agenda (Action)

- ACTION: Agenda is approved with no changes.

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: Robert White (Vice-Chair), Carrol Stripling, Chuck Murrell, Dave Waggoner, Pete Lewis, Sam Powers
- DCHS Staff: Kip Swanson, Leon Richardson, Adam Schmid, Rae Brown Abbott

Public Comment

Vice-Chair Robert White

5 min

- No public comments

Old Business

Vice-Chair Robert White

40 min

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the November 19th meeting were reviewed. No edits suggested.
- ACTION: The minutes from the November 19th meeting were approved without edits

Work Plan Development

- Reviewed topics and ideas generated at last week's VSHSL veterans committee meeting, delineating between items of relevance for the Veterans Advisory Board and the VSHSL veterans committee
- The Veterans Advisory Board plans to hold meetings quarterly. The meetings are currently planned to take place in March, June, September, and December, but these times may shift based on the workplan or other considerations. The Veterans Advisory Board will meet at least four times in 2021 in order to satisfy the annual meeting requirement.

- Members express interest in learning about the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines, in order to help inform and support the veteran community. Discuss potential timing of a presentation, likely from someone with the VA, and agreement is that March seems to be a good time.
- Members are also interested in knowing more about upcoming plans involving the VA's Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), as some clinics will reportedly be closing/relocating in January. Leon offers to follow-up with VA contacts regarding possibility of a presentation on the topic.
- Discuss upcoming King County Veterans Program relocation to Northgate, and interest in a future presentation on the topic. Recommended plan is to do a brief presentation in March, to provide key updates and information on the transition, and to follow-up in June with a presentation on the transition and a potential tour of the site (preference noted for doing an in-person visit, but could also aim for a video walk-through if restrictions/conditions do not allow for an in-person visit).
- Consider potential opportunities for outreach and coordination with community entities, such as Seahawks and Mariners. Although there is some interest in developing this area of work, there is agreement that it is not a primary priority at this time.
- A question was raised regarding RCW requirements and responsibilities related to the Veterans Advisory Board. Discussion is held on the topic, and there is general recognition that additional clarity would be useful in terms of requirements and responsibilities, as identified in the RCW, Ordinance, and bylaws related to the work of the Veterans Advisory Board and the VSHSL veterans committee. Members agree to hold a Veterans Advisory Board meeting in January, to focus specifically on this topic, in order to establish clarity of roles and responsibilities and for everyone to be aligned in understanding, as this will assist in compliance with requirements and in developing effective workplans.

Drafting Letter to Colleges

- Did not discuss during the meeting, due to time limitations. Will discuss topic at a future meeting.

New Business Vice-Chair Robert White 5 min

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- Nothing noted, due to time limitations.

Next Steps Vice-Chair Robert White 5 min

Meetings/times/dates/locations

- The Veterans Advisory Board decided to meet again in January, to follow-up on this meeting's discussion regarding responsibilities, role clarity, and work-planning
- The Veterans Advisory Board will hold a meeting on January 7th, 10:00-11:30am

Future Agenda Items

- January 7th Meeting: Discussion will focus on clarifying responsibilities, roles as Veterans Advisory Board and VSHSL veterans committee, and additional work-plan development
- March meeting: will explore potential presentation regarding vaccine roll-out, along with an update on the King County Veterans Program office relocation to Northgate
- Follow-up on topic of drafting letter to colleges

Adjourn Vice-Chair Robert White