

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS  
VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, January 2, 2018  
Lake Stevens Community Center  
1808 Main Street, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Leif Hamar

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Leif Hamar, Shawn Frederick, Gayle McCurdy, Stacy LaFlam, Dennis Ives, Melissa Ballou, Richard Russell, Cameron Balazic, Kim Daughtry, Kurt Hilt, Marcus Tageant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Richard Russell, Kurt Hilt, Marcus Tageant

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Deputy City Clerk Kathy Pugh

OTHERS: Mike Schindler, Operation Military Family Cares, Tom Thorleifson, American Legion

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Hamar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Hamar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Moved by Commissioner Frederick, seconded by Commissioner Balazic, to excuse Commissioners Russell, Hilt and Tageant. On vote the motion carried (8-0-0-3).

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy, to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2017 meeting. On vote the motion carried (8-0-0-3).

**Discussion Items:** None.

**Work Program:**

**Review of Operation Military Family Cares Deliverables**

Mr. Schindler summarized the deliverables by Operation Military Family Cares (OMFC) including market review and demographics, proposed thematic goals for the top three priorities, interviews of commissioners and summaries of the interviews and findings, initial identification of veteran resources in the Lake Stevens community, Network of Care resources inventory and mapping of resources, proposed committee composition, recommended network of Care and WAServes network platform and providing a Support System Playbook.

**Review and Discussion re Playbook:**

Mr. Schindler reviewed the Playbook, which was drafted using Thematic Goal #1, Establishing A Support System Plan. He reviewed how the Playbook can be used to identify the Commissioners' portion of the workplan to achieve this goal, and what various partners could provide to attain the goal, and commented that use of the Playbook will help the Commission to build a solid provider network for veterans coming into Lake Stevens.

Responding to Commissioner Hamar's question, Mr. Schindler said that WAServes provides a concierge of services and has been in place since 2013, and launched in Washington State in 2017. Network of Care is a "self-serve" resource and has been in place approximately four years.

Commissioner LaFlam asked how legalities such as release of information are addressed. Commissioner Daughtry suggested the Commission will do its own follow up, and Commissioner LaFlam commented the follow up is the most important piece.

Discussion ensued regarding how follow up is accomplished and how the two agencies, Network of Care and WaServes work together. Commissioner Daughtry suggested the two agencies provide two different services with one being more immediate and one being more long term.

Commissioner Ballou commented it will be important to establish work groups.

Commissioner Daughtry said that Lake Stevens is unique. He noted that other communities have staff support and this body needs to determine how it will move forward. He also commented on the need to consider a 501(c)(3) plan. Commissioner Daughtry added that it will be important to set work plans for the other goals as well.

Commissioner Hamar said the Commission needs an opportunity to discuss the information that has been provided by OMFC; there was consensus that Mr. Schindler will not attend the next meeting so that the Commission can have this opportunity.

#### **Review Website:**

Commissioner Daughtry shared a draft web page he put together for the Veterans Commission and said it is important to figure out who the customer is. He also commented the Veterans Commission needs a Facebook page, but on Facebook there is no way to catalogue information. Commissioner Daughtry suggested the web page is a stand-alone page, with a link to it from the City website, but that brings up the question of how to pay for the domain name and other costs that might be incurred. He suggested the website can be part of a work plan.

**Public Comment:** Tom Thorleifson said a lot of information has been brought forward and there is a lot of potential to assist veterans in the community.

#### **Adjourn:**

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. On vote the motion carried (8-0-0-3).

  
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Leif Hamar, Chairperson

  
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Kathy Pugh, Deputy City Clerk