

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**
Monday, January 7, 2019
Lake Stevens Fire Station 82 Conference Room
9811 Chapel Hill Road, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Shawn Frederick

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Shawn Frederick, Dennis Ives, Gayle McCurdy, Kim Daughtry, Marcus Tageant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Samara Heydon, Richard Russell, Kurt Hilt

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Pugh, City Clerk, Adri Crim, Deputy City Clerk

Call to Order: Vice Chair Frederick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chair Frederick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Vice Chair Frederick noted for the record that there was not a quorum present, and that Commissioners Balazic and Hamar have resigned.

After a brief discussion, the commission members present determined to continue with the meeting for discussion and information sharing.

City Clerk Pugh introduced Deputy City Clerk Adri Crim to the commissioners and said she will be clerking the February 4, 2019 meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Due to lack of a quorum minutes were not approved.

Discussion/Action Items:

Standing Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Commissioner McGurdy had no new updates.

Marketing: Vice Chairman Frederick said that the invoice for logos has been paid, and Commissioner Tageant confirmed the logos are good to go.

There was discussion about doing patches, and Commissioner Tageant encouraged getting placards out to veteran-owned businesses and businesses that hire veterans and/or their spouses. This could be presented to businesses through the Chamber. Commissioner Daughtry will bring this up at the upcoming Chamber meeting, and Vice Chairman Frederick will make sure the placards are ready to go.

Planning and Events: Vice Chairman Frederick will follow up with the committee members.

CERT: Commissioner Ives provided a brief update and said that the training is more involved than initially thought, will consist of six weeknight and two weekend sessions. The fire department chaplains will do the training on Disaster Psychology, and fire personnel will do the

medical operations training. He reviewed the other training session topics and said other instructors will need to be identified. He is anticipating a start date of mid-March and through April. This would allow the CERT team to stand up for Aquafest.

Nonprofit/Foundation Update: Vice Chairman Frederick updated that the attorneys have reviewed the application for 501(c)(3) status and requested some minor changes. He will make those and submit the application. He reminded that once 501(c)(3) status is obtained, the final step is to apply to the Secretary of State, Washington, for charitable organization status. Vice Chairman Frederick will also complete the required annual filing for 2018.

Community Center Update: Commissioner Daughtry updated that he sat down as a representative of the Veterans Commission with Family Center and Food Bank representatives recently, and that City is working with the Food Bank to identify a site for the new facility. Commissioner Daughtry said the building concept has been drawn and includes space for the Family Center, Food Bank offices and storage, and offices for the Veterans Commission. He added that the Family Center will be moving into temporary quarters, likely by the end of February, and that construction of the new facility is anticipated to be completed in approximately two years.

Information Sources/Newsletter: Vice Chairman Frederick said he will be getting that information from former Commissioner Hamar. City Clerk Pugh said she has discussed with IT making these documents shared documents.

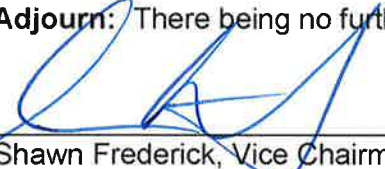
Copyright/Trademark of Logos: Vice Chairman Frederick updated that Commissioner Hilt discussed this with the City Attorney who advised it was unlikely that there is a need to protect the logos.

Meeting with Legislators: Commissioner Tageant said while is attending Association of Washington Cities City Action Days in Olympia he will try to connect with the Yelm veterans organization to see what they are doing and maybe be able to work with them to bring programs forward in Lake Stevens. Commissioner Daughtry added the Yelm organization is lobbying the State to create a state-wide veterans commission.

New Business: Commissioner McCurdy said she has started a ballot petition with the state to provide education benefits to dependents of veterans who are partially disabled. Currently the benefits are only available for dependents of veterans who are 100% disabled.

Public Comment: Tom Thorleifson suggested there needs to be a place where veterans service officers can meet privately with veterans and that this is a complex issue. Discussion ensued with Commissioner Daughtry advising two offices are set aside for that purpose in the building design. Vice Chairman Frederick said this discussion can be pursued at a more appropriate time.

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Shawn Frederick, Vice Chairman


Kathy Pugh, City Clerk