

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
VETERANS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**
Monday, September 9, 2019
Lake Stevens Fire Station 82 Conference Room
9811 Chapel Hill Road, Lake Stevens

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Shawn Frederick, Gayle McCurdy, Kim Daughtry, Samara Heydon, Marcus Tageant, Kevin McLarnon, Vern Rasmussen, Karen Boe, Dennis Ives (7:02 p.m.) Kurt Hilt (7:16 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Karmin Pincus

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Pugh, City Clerk,

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

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

Roll Call: Chair Frederick requested Clerk Pugh identify attendees at the meeting, which she did.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Tageant, seconded by Commissioner Daughtry, to excuse Commissioners Pincus, Ives and Hilt from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (8-0-0-3).

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Tageant, second by Commissioner McCurdy, to excuse Commissioners Heydon and Ives from the August 5, 2019. On vote the motion carried

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Ives arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy to approve the July 1, 2019 and August 5, 2019 meeting minutes. On vote the motion carried (9-0-0-2).

Discussion/Action Items:

Events:

- **Military Appreciation Event (8/31/2019):** Chair Frederick thanked everyone for attending, for their hard work in helping to make this event a success and noted the Purple Heart presentation went very well. He commented that having military service-related props displayed in the booth draws activity.

Discussion ensued with Commissioner Daughtry commenting the event was very well

attended, and Commissioner Heydon saying the advertising was great. Commissioner Rasmussen estimated there were 1,000 to 1,200 people in attendance. Commissioner Boe suggested there could be improvements in coordination of the various activities in the future.

- **Chamber Expo:** Commissioner Daughtry said the event is scheduled for September 28th. Commissioners Frederick, and McCurdy said they are not available that day, and Commissioner Frederick he has had the tablecloth cleaned and can drop it off in advance, as well as other display items.
- **Veterans Day Event:** Commissioner Heydon is putting together a 5K fun run and is thinking of calling it the Veterans Day 11K. She suggested for the first time, that her reserve unit can bring the big timers, and this would be done military style with the numbers being called out at the finish line. In addition to routes, she needs ideas for sponsors and/or donors. Permit needs were discussed, either from the City or County, depending on what the route is.

Commissioner Frederick suggested reaching out to the Chamber to identify sponsors. Commissioner Heydon said she will talk to the Marysville Reserve Center and the Naval Station to see if they can provide some support.

- **Veterans Service Officer:** Commissioner McCurdy said the VSO is scheduled to be here Saturday and she will have her own computer and printer and can access the VA system. Commissioner McLarnon expressed interest in being trained as a VSO. Clerk Pugh said a Memorandum of Understanding between the Commission and City for use of the VIC is ready for signing and Commissioner Daughtry confirmed he will be open and lock the VIC on Saturday.
- **Purple Heart City:** Commissioner Heydon said there are different versions of the sign and decisions need to be made as to what color and how many entryways the signs there are. Commissioner Heydon will provide the sign versions to Clerk Pugh for sharing with the Commission. Commissioner Tageant liked the purple signs and Commissioner Daughtry suggested the Public Works Department might be able to assist with installation of the signs.

Commissioner Hilt arrived at 7:16 p.m.

- **Business Recognition Certificates:** Chair Frederick said he has no new nominations. He mentioned to Matt Tabor about identifying veteran friendly or owned businesses, and Commissioner Tageant suggested posting on Lake Stevens community social media pages. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Tageant suggested the Business Expo might also be a good place to identify eligible recipients. Commissioner McLarnon asked if there is a place where these businesses are identified and suggestions included a banner, and a recognition through the Chamber, including the annual auctions. This can be done in addition to recognition by the Council.
- **Non-Profit/Foundation Update:** Chair Frederick made a connection with Kit Larson from Congressman Larson's office regarding a Veterans Homeless Committee that meets regularly. He noted that this group has lost its grant funding and suggested that this might be an opportunity for the Veterans Foundation to apply for grant funding for this committee. This could provide opportunities to be of assistance; Commissioner Tageant encouraged continuing to look into this.

Chair Frederick reminded the Foundation has a seven-person board with four being

members of the Veterans Commission. Currently only the four positions are filled and the others need to be filled. He shared various ideas for filling the vacant board positions.

New Business:

Commissioner Daughtry said the Veterans Foundation needs to have a meeting and suggested the foundation meet directly before or after a Commission meeting. Discussion ensued and there was agreement that the Foundation meeting will be held prior to the Commission meeting. He added the current board members need to figure out how to get the other three board members on board. Commissioner Daughtry then updated that the bank account is active, and he is getting ready to take the website live, which will allow the Foundation will be able to accept donations through the web page.


Commissioner Heydon suggested it's time to move forward with the newsletter and suggested it be quarterly for the time being, beginning in October.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner McCurdy, seconded by Commissioner Boe, to begin publishing a quarterly newsletter beginning toward the end of October. On vote the motion carried (10-0-0-1).

Commissioner Heydon said she has found polo shirts for the commission that come in both women's and men's sizes. If everyone provides their size, she can order them. Commissioner Tageant said he knows someone who does silk screening, and there was discussion of other vendors who do silk screening.

Upcoming Agenda Items:

Adjourn: Motion by Commissioner Tageant, seconded by Commissioner Daughtry to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. On vote the motion carried (10-0-0-1).



Shawn Frederick, Chairman



Kathy Pugh, City Clerk