

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS**  
**VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, March 2, 2020  
Lake Stevens Fire Station 82 Conference Room  
9811 Chapel Hill Road, Lake Stevens

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Heydon

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Samara Heydon, Kim Daughtry, Kevin McLarnon, Vern Rasmussen, Dennis Ives, Gayle McCurdy, Kurt Hilt

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Shawn Frederick, Marcus Tageant, Karmin Pincus

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Pugh, City Clerk,

OTHERS PRESENT: Commander Jeff Beazizo, Police Officer Chad Wells, and Dan Good, retired from Department of Emergency Management

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**Call to Order:** Chair Samara Heydon called the meeting together at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Heydon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** It was moved and seconded to excuse Commissioners Tageant, Pincus and McCurdy from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-3). Clerk Pugh noted for the record that Commissioner Boe recently resigned.

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner Hilt, to move CERT Training to the beginning of the agenda to accommodate guest presenters. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-3).

**CERT Training:** Commissioner Daughtry reviewed the commission's earlier efforts to establish CERT training, noting the effort was stopped due to a lack of manpower. He then introduced Lake Stevens Police Commander Jeff Beazizo, the city's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Commander Beazizo said he and Sgt. Craig Valvick, also a Lake Stevens Emergency Management Coordinator, were recently asked to develop a CERT program. He said the Fire Department was also looking at this prior to its merger with Snohomish County Fire Districts 3 and 7. Commander Beazizo introduced Dan Good, recently retired from the Department of Emergency Management and a certified trainer for the CERT program. Mr. Good is currently conducting a training in Skagit County and for an upcoming "train the trainer," program; he is here tonight so that everyone can be on the same page and see how to move forward. The Skagit County program has two spots reserved. Tonight, Dan Good will share their program and encourage a partnership and thinking "outside the box" to see how this can work to bring a program forward in Lake Stevens.

Dan Good said he is retired from Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management after 25 years. He was the first person in the Puget Sound region to teach a CERT class in August 1995 and he is now teaching a class in Skagit County. Mr. Good provided a history of the CERT program, including working with FEMA, and said that people who are CERT trained

are truly the first responders. He reviewed the elements of CERT training, saying the program is one evening a week for eight weeks, and is well received by those who complete the training. Having people trained in CERT training in Lake Stevens becomes a multiplier for first responders.

Commissioner Daughtry provided a brief history of the Veterans Commission and its efforts to provide CERT training to veterans in the community; he noted these veterans have skills that can be drawn on through CERT training.

Commissioner Ives commented he was working with Deputy Chief Messer, Lake Stevens Fire, to develop a CERT training program, but the effort fell apart due to no instructors and the cost of the program. They were considering providing the training on Saturdays, with some evenings, and he does have a list of people interested in completing the training.

Mr. Good explained the county does not have CERT a CERT program and it looks to the cities to provide this training. He added there is a network of instructors and there is not cost for the materials from the state. He added instructors are networked and they are out there. He explained this is a FEMA program authorized by the host jurisdiction, and the biggest costs are the kits and safety equipment. He is just looking for authorization from Lake Stevens to move forward.

Discussion ensued on possible locations in Lake Stevens for CERT training.

Commander Beazizo is looking for two volunteers to attend the Train the Trainer in Skagit County, and Mr. Good is going to be the lead volunteer, and the next training begins at the end of March.

Mr. Good explained the course comes around a couple of times a year, and the first training might be an abbreviated one. He said as long as there is interest, he can bring instructors in. He added people attending the Train the Trainer program must be CERT-qualified and noted that not everyone will be a good fit for CERT training or for being a CERT trainer.

Discussion ensued on how to move forward including that the commission could be a resource to make this happen and how to reach out to the community. Commissioner Heydon suggested it would be good to identify people who are qualified now to attend the Train the Trainer training; she said there is a lot of opportunity within the community to obtain necessary materials and communicate with the public about this training. Commander Beazizo said to make this happen for Lake Stevens he needs a couple of volunteers to work under Mr. Good. He added the Police Department is working to move its Emergency Management Center to the new Police Department facility on 20<sup>th</sup> Street SE, and there are opportunities coming up to engage the community, such as Guns and Hoses and National Night Out.

Commissioners Ives and Daughtry will volunteer to attend the Train the Trainer program in Skagit County.

Commander Beazizo then provided an overview of the city's Emergency Management program and invited commissioners to attend the monthly meeting.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Guest Business:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy, to approve the February 3, 2020 meeting minutes. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-3).

**Discussion/Action Items:**

**Event Follow Up:** No items.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Memorial Day Run:** Commissioner Heydon provided an update on this event, which is scheduled for May 25, including that the Marysville Reserve Center will help, and permits are required. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Daughtry said the C-Trail Run is scheduled for March 14 and invited commissioners to come and observe; he reminded the War Memorial dedication is scheduled for May 25 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion ensued on how to advertise this run and if there should be a registration fee. Commissioner Daughtry suggested possibly partnering with the Chamber and having them assist with event registration.

**Military Children's Christmas Party:** Commissioner McCurdy said this event originates through the American Legion Auxiliary and the auxiliary is upset that no one has talked with them about their event. They are unhappy that Operation Homefront seems to be representing this party is Operation Homefront's event. Following discussion, it was decided to invite both the Legion Auxiliary and Operation Homefront to the next meeting to straighten out this misunderstanding.

**Veterans Service Officer:** Commissioner McCurdy said the VSO is recovering from surgery and will be in touch with her on Saturday to advise when she can provide services. There was discussion on how to improve the phone number so that people call back when Commissioner McCurdy reaches out to them.

**Newsletter:** Commissioner Heydon asked that everyone provide information for the next newsletter by April so the newsletter can be published the first week of May. Topics include CERT training, the May 25 run and Veterans Service Officer information. Commissioner McLarnon suggested everyone send whatever they have to him. There was discussion about updating the mailing list and Commissioner McLarnon will work on this.

**Purple Heart City:** Commissioner Heydon has identified a Tacoma vendor to make the signs but the vendor has not been responsive. Clerk Pugh said the city has a local sign vendor that they are very happy with. There was discussion on identifying the gateways for sign placement. Commissioner McLarnon offered to take over this project and Commissioner Heydon said that would be helpful.

**Business Recognition Certificates:** Commissioner McLarnon said he is going to help with this and has talked with Commissioner Frederick. There was discussion regarding the business certificates and Commissioner Hilt recalled that Alexander Printing has the templates for the certificates.

**Non-Profit/Foundation Update:** Clerk Pugh said she is working on updating the mailing address to the City's post office box.

**Communications:** Commissioner McLarnon updated on the spreadsheet and how he has organized it.

**New Business:** Commissioner McLarnon suggested it would be helpful to create an events list. Commissioner Daughtry identified the following upcoming events: Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and event, National Night Out, Health & Safety Fair, Winterfest, Harvest Fest, Military Appreciation Day, Aquafest, Music in the Park, Theater in the Park and Movies by the Lake.

There was discussion on filling the vacancy created by the recent resignation.

**Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- American Legion Auxiliary/Karen Wolfe

**Adjourn:** There being no further business Chairman Heydon adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
Kathy Pugh, City Clerk