

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

Monday, April 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, Cameron Balazic, Dennis Ives, Gayle McCurdy, Richard Russell, Kim Daughtry, Kurt Hilt, Marcus Tageant (7:03 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Shawn Frederick, Stacy LaFlam

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: City Clerk Kathy Pugh

OTHERS:

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:

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy, to excuse Commissioners Frederick and LaFlam. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-3).

Commissioner Tageant arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Commissioner Balazic, seconded by Commissioner Hilt, to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-3).

Discussion/Action Items:

Review of 501(c)(3) Corporate Status – Committee Report: Commissioner Daughtry said the committee has not met since the last Commission meeting, but in any event the bylaws are needed to move forward. Discussion ensued and Commissioner Daughtry said once the 501(c)(3) designation is in place the Veterans Commission as it is today will still be in existence. The new organization will be composed of some members of the Veterans Commission plus three members at large. He said it is best to apply for the nonprofit status and provide the EIN and bylaws at the time of application. Suggestions of naming the nonprofit Lake Stevens Veterans Association or Lake Stevens Veterans Foundation were made.

Community Resources Needs Assessment: Commissioner Daughtry said he has not been able to meet with representatives of the Food Bank yet, but they have completed their own needs assessment and are actively looking for land. The Family Center needs three four meeting areas plus some office and storage space.

Follow up with State: Commissioner Hilt has made a preliminary contact with the USDA in Mount Vernon, but he would like something more concrete in place before pursuing this further. Commissioner Daughtry said the Food Bank president could go with the City, but the

organization as a whole wants to move forward to develop a new facility now that they have funding. Commissioner Tageant has heard the church where the Food Bank currently distributes food wants to separate from the Food Bank and find a new focus.

Work Group Finalization: Commissioners Daughtry, Frederick and LaFlam will continue to work on establishing a 501(c)(3) organization. Commissioner Russell suggested establishing an Emergency Preparedness Team. The team could harness veterans for CERT training through FEMA. Discussion ensued as to how this could be accomplished and emergency scenarios where such a team would provide assistance and value. Commissioners Hilt and Balazic were supportive of this idea with Commissioner Hilt commenting that he likes this idea as it is community driven. Commissioner McCurdy said she would work with Commissioner Russell on this project.

Chairman Hamar summarized there are two points: (1) how to go about the program, and (2) how to engage the community.

Commissioner Daughtry reminded of the Chamber Expo on April 21 and Aquafest in July, and suggested these events would be good starting points. There was discussion about purchasing items such as banners, table toppers and pamphlets to bring attention and awareness to the Veterans Commission and its programs.

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Hilt, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy to authorize up to \$1,000 to be used for promotional materials. On vote the motion carried (8-0-0-2).

Short Term Focus: The Expo was discussed further. Commissioner Tageant commented that people need to know why they want to be part of this group, and Commissioner Hilt said the message is more about getting involved. Commissioner Russell said that two-way communication is important.

Commissioners Hamar, Russell, Daughtry and Hilt committed to attending the Expo.

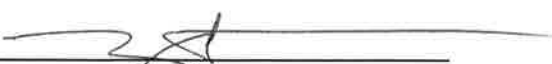
Commissioners Daughtry and Frederick introduced an idea for mapping neighborhoods. Commissioner Russell commented that Snohomish County has a neighborhood mapping program and it helps to identify vulnerable neighborhoods.

Long Term Focus: Discussed with Community Needs Assessment, Follow Up with State and Work Group Finalization, above.

Community Center Status: Discussed with Community Needs Assessment, above.

Adjourn:

MOTION: Moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McCurdy, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. On vote the motion carried (8-0-0-2).



Leif Hamar, Chairperson

Kathy Pugh, City Clerk