

**CITY OF LAKE STEVENS
VETERANS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**
Monday, October 5, 2020

VIA Zoom – Remote Access Only

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Samara Heydon, Kim Daughtry, Kevin McLarnon, Dennis Ives, Karmin Pincus and Shawn Frederick.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Marcus Taegant, Gayle McCurdy, Vern Rasmussen and Kurt Hilt.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

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: Moved by Commissioner Frederick and seconded by Commissioner Daughtry to excuse the absent members from the meeting. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-4).

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Commissioner McLarnon and seconded by Commissioner Frederick, to approve the September 24, 2020 meeting minutes. On vote the motion carried (6-0-0-4).

Discussion/Action Items:

Upcoming Events:

Harvest Festival/Farmers Market is October 31 and Winterfest/Farmers Market is December 5.

The Commission discussed upcoming events. The Commissioners agreed that COVID is a concern this year therefore the Commission may not have as much involvement in the events as usual. Also, it was noted that many events are being revised this year due to COVID restrictions.

The Commission discussed focusing on events that were slated towards veterans. They discussed a veterans job fair, possibly a summer event and a veterans social hour in 2021. The Commission discussed several possibilities and decided to prioritize the events to maybe 1 to 3.

Commissioner Daughtry made a suggestion for the Veterans Commission to do a once a month coffee klatch starting in January of 2021, a job fair in May of 2021 and a corn hole event in Summer of 2021. The coffee klatch would be a Saturday morning. Perhaps if the coffee klatch was successful, they would also invite a speaker.

Commissioners Frederick, Daughtry, McLarnon and Heydon will help with the coffee klatch. Commissioners Pincus, Ives and McLarnon will help with the job fair.

Councilmember Daughtry will contact the City for availability at the Mill for both the coffee klatch (2nd or 3rd Saturday of each month) and job fair (May 15 or May 22, 2021).

There were no updates on the Veterans Service Officer Update and the Vision Statement for this meeting.

Newsletter:

The Commission discussed potential topics for the next Newsletter in December:

- Veterans Foundation
- Calendar of events
- Coffee klatch
- Job Fair
- Council meetings
- Purple Heart Signs
- Veterans Monument
- Grant for Veterans community
- COVID guidance
- Recruitment notice for Veterans Foundation
- Business recognitions

Non-Profit Foundation Update:

Commissioner Daughtry stated that the Foundation does need to get started and doesn't want to let this go.

Communications: None.

Upcoming Agenda Items: Coffee klatch, Job Fair, Veterans Foundation and Newsletter.

Adjourn: It was moved by Commissioner Daughtry and seconded by Commissioner Frederick to adjourn the meeting. On motion the vote carried (6-0-0-4). There being no further business, Chairman Heydon adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Kelly Chelin

Kelly Chelin, City Clerk