

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

Monday, January 9, 2023

HYBRID MEETING – The Mill, Sawyers Room or Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kevin McLarnon, Debbie Welch, Kim Daughtry, Vernon Rasmussen, Eugene Gabrys and Dennis Ives (Arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Marcus Tageant, Samara Heydon and Kurt Hilt

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kelly Chelin, City Clerk

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Call to Order: The meeting was called together at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION. Commissioner Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McLarnon, to excuse the absent members. The motion passed 6-0-0-3.

Public Comment: None.

Note: Commissioner Ives joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION. Commissioner Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McLarnon, to nominate Commissioner Welch to be the Chair.

Commissioner Welch respectfully declined due to other time commitments.

MOTION. Commissioner McLarnon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to nominate Commissioner Hilt to be the Chair. The motion passed 6-0-0-3.

MOTION. Commissioner McLarnon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Daughtry, to nominate Commissioner Welch as Vice Chair. The motion passed 6-0-0-3.

MOTION. Commissioner Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to have Commissioner McLarnon continue to Chair this meeting. The motion passed 6-0-0-3.

Approval of Minutes for December 5, 2022.

Commissioner McLarnon made an amendment to the minutes on page 3 for the sentence to read as follows:

“Office space for community services, including space for a Veterans Services Officer (VSO) should be available in the new Food Bank building. More to come on this topic.”

Discussion – Current Activities:

Business Recognition – ongoing.

Community Survey – Commissioner Daughtry recognized the work that Commissioner Welch and Commissioner Gabrys did on the survey. Commissioner Welch recognized the work that Commissioner McLarnon did as well. The Commission discussed the results of the survey. The Commission discussed going through the survey results and making a list of priorities for the Commission to focus on. Commissioner Gabrys volunteered to coming up with categories to focus on. He will bring this back to the next meeting.

Newsletter – will be going out in March.

Partner Network/Veterans Service Officer (VSO) – ongoing.

Purple Heart Sign – this is complete.

MOTION. Commissioner Daughtry made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Welch, to move the Veterans Service Officer agenda item to Active, not on hold. The motion passed 6-0-0-3.

New Business

Commissioner McLarnon reported to the Commission that he will be stepping down from the Commission. He is available for any help in the future. The Commission thanked Commissioner McLarnon for his time and service.

Adjourn: It was moved by Commissioner Daughtry, seconded by Commissioner McLarnon, to adjourn the meeting. On motion the vote carried (6-0-0-3). There being no further business, Commissioner McLarnon adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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Kelly Chelin, City Clerk