

November 04, 2021

Powell's Creek Conference Room

## **Veterans Commission**

## **MINUTES**

### **Members**

**Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis**  
**Tom Gordy**  
**Arshad Hussain**  
**Nancy Jean-Louis**

**Donnell E. Johns, Sr.**  
**Cheryl S. H. Lamar**  
**Wayne Murphy**  
**Tim Parrish**

Present: Commissioners Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis, Tom Gordy, Arshad Hussain, Nancy Jean-Louis, Donnell E. Johns, Sr., Cheryl S. H. Lamar, Wayne Murphy, Tim Parrish; Director Joe Gilkerson, Admins Stacy Anderson and Veronica Marquez and three (3) citizens. Chair Tom Gordy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Administrative Comments**

- Joseph Gilkerson discussed Veterans Care Centers and local Veterans Centers and handed out documents with information for both.

### **Minutes**

- Minutes of October 07, 2021 were approved (Murphy-moved/Lamar-seconded/Unanimous).

### **Public Comment Time**

- None.

### **Next Meetings**

- Discuss Parks and Recreation discounts further.
- Discuss standing rules for the Commission.
- Review Memorial Wall Resolution.

### **New Business**

- Sherrie Johnson (Communications) met with the Commission virtually and discussed the Veterans Day Ceremony and information regarding the Memorial Wall.
- Hillary Gore (Criminal Justice Services) met with the Commission virtually and gave a presentation for the Veterans Docket Program.
- Discussed reaching out to Fairfax County to receive information for a Veterans Job Fair.

## Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Gattis –Questioned how we receive information from veterans in the community, how can we know what concerns are real, how to contact other veterans organizations and have them help address concerns and issues, and what is the purpose of the commission.
- Commissioner Hussain – Discussed the homeless situation.
- Commissioner Jean-Louis – Discussed the homeless population and standing rules.
- Commissioner Lamar – Thanked everyone for welcoming her and discussed her excitement to work with the Commission.
- Commissioner Murphy – Discussed the organization Willing Warriors and Merging Vets & Players.
- Commissioner Parrish – Would like to commit to a quarterly project for Veterans in the County. Discussed the Marine’s birthday. Questioned if the Commission can take private money to help Veterans in the community.
- Commissioner Johns Sr. – Discussed allowing the organizations in the County to address certain Veterans issues in the County.
- Commissioner Gordy – Discussed attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm. (Murphy-motion/Gattis-seconded)