

October 5, 2023

Board Chambers

Veterans Commission

MINUTES

Members

Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis
Nancy Jean-Louis
Donnell E. Johns, Sr.
Cheryl Lamar

Tim Parrish
Joshua Quill
Dean Woodard

Present: Commissioners Vanessa Gattis, Nancy Jean-Louis, Cheryl Lamar, Tim Parrish, Joshua Quill, Dean Woodard; Director of Human Resources Joseph Gilkerson and Admin Stacy Anderson. Vice-Chair Vanessa Gattis called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes

- Minutes of August 3, 2023, were approved (Gattis-motion/Lamar-seconded/Unanimous).

Public Comment Time

- 5 citizens.

Administrative Remarks

- Joseph Gilkerson let the Commission know that there is a Veterans Day ceremony coming up in November. Requested two individuals to lay the wreath at the ceremony. Vice-Chair Gattis and Commissioner Jean-Louis volunteered.

Work Session

- Chris Pulley from the Fairfax Veterans Commission presented a slideshow highlighting all of the programs that are offered.
- Discussed the four (4) resolutions that will be submitted to the Board of County Supervisors. (Gattis-motion/Jean-Louis-seconded/Unanimous)
 - **Votes:**
 - **Ayes:** Gattis, Jean-Louis, Lamar, Parrish, Quill, Woodard
 - **Nays:** None
 - **Absent from Meeting:** Johns Sr.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Woodard – Discussed the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report regarding military housing. Further discussed housing concerns on Quantico and wanting to bring someone in as a guest speaker from Quantico to present. Let the Commission know that October 13th is the 248th birthday of the U.S. Navy.
- Commissioner Gattis – Discussed the VA hospital in Richmond and her belief that the quality of care there was phenomenal.
- Commissioner Quill – Questioned if it would be beneficial to reach out to the VA and discuss the needs in our area with a representative and have someone come in to speak at an upcoming meeting.
- Commissioner Jean-Louis – Reminded everyone that this month is National Hispanic Heritage month and discussed some facts.
- Commissioner Parrish – Highlighted how great it is to be putting the resolutions in from of the Board of County Supervisors.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. (Quill-motion/Gattis-seconded/unanimous)