

November 2, 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, and Tim Parrish; Director of Human Resources Joseph Gilkerson and Admin Stacy Anderson. Chair Tim Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

### **Minutes**

- Minutes of October 5, 2023, were approved (Gattis-motion/Jean-Louis-seconded/Unanimous).

### **Public Comment Time**

- None.

### **Administrative Remarks**

- Let the Commissioners know there will be a graduation ceremony for the Veterans Treatment Docket on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 3pm. The invitation was sent by email to all Commissioners.
- Reminded the Commission of the Veterans Day ceremony on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 10am. Discussed who would be participating in the wreath laying ceremony.

### **Work Session**

- Christina Winn and Michele Weatherly from Economic Development presented a PowerPoint highlighting all of the programs that are offered as well as explaining their goals when serving the community.
- Nikki Brown from Communications wanted to follow up regarding the directive from the County Executive to research the possibility of creating a Veterans Center for Prince William County. Commissioners voiced their desire to pursue this directive. Commissioners would like to have a representative from Veterans Affairs locally in the County, perhaps in the Crisis Center in Gander Mountain.

### Old Business

- None.

### New Business

- None.

### Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Johns Sr. – Wished everyone a happy Veterans Day.
- Commissioner Gattis – Wished everyone a happy Veterans Day. Told everyone to take advantage of the deals that are offered to Veterans during this time.
- Commissioner Parrish – Wished everyone a happy Veterans Day. Reminded that the Marine Corps will be celebrating their 248<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 10, 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm. (Gattis-motion/Johns Sr-seconded/unanimous)