

The Veterans Affairs Commission (VAC) held a meeting at VFW Post 7108 (8795 FM 1560, San Antonio, Texas 78254) on 20 MAY 2024. Quorum was established at 4:47PM with no Chair or Co-chair present.

- **Representatives in Attendance:** Burrell Parmer (D2), John Gauna (D5), Walter Rogers (D6), James Smith (D7), Burt Quintanilla (D9), Kevin Crozier (D10),
- **Representatives Not in Attendance:** Carlos Acosta (D1), Mark Cason (D3), Juanita Sepulveda (D4/Co-Chair), Gwendolyn Godlock (D8), Richard Delgado JR. (Mayoral/Chair)

Additional attendees for record noted by Staff Liaison include:

- **CoSA Staff in Attendance:** Nathan Roberts (MVAD)
- **Community Members in Attendance:** Larissa Martinez (D6 Community Liaison), John Botts (D5, Alejandro Esparza (D10 CL)

Once quorum was established, D7 made a motion to nominate Burrell Parmer as temporary chair. Motion was seconded by D5 and approved unanimously. (**Burrell Parmer appointed as temporary Chair**)

Chair led the meeting through the following items:

1. Opening Remarks

- a. No opening remarks.
- b. Public Comments.
 - i. No Public Comments.
- c. Approval of last meetings minutes. D5 motioned to approve and D10 seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously. (**Minutes Approved**)

2. Briefings

- a. **Representative Briefs**
 - i. District Representatives briefed areas of concerns, need for assistance, and new initiatives in districts. Of note, D5 provided an informational briefing on an initiative some Veterans groups are currently advocating for to secure Source of Income Protection for Veterans. D10 briefed an upcoming Blood Drive at Catholic Life Charity on 23 June and asked for assistance in distributing information. D6 briefed that they are hosting a Mental Health Matters event focused on male veteran's mental health.

- ii. Discussion occurred over the guidelines for Veteran of the Year program and funding. Chair clarified that each council district will choose a Veteran of the Year to be recognized at a council session in November to be determined. Each VAC member should ask council district for funding to support this award. **(SL will send out guidance for Veteran of the Year Program again and check if the city has a contract for plaques to award VOY)**

b. Military and Veteran Affairs Staff Liaison

- i. No comments.

3. Closing Comments

- a. Chair recapped the due outs from meeting. D2 volunteered to host the next VAC meeting at the Fred Brock American Legion Post 828.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 with a motion by D10 and seconded by D6. **(Adjourned)**