**Veterans Empowerment Commission Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 1p.m.

Meeting Recording: [https://zoom.us/j/93934557987](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://zoom.us/j/93934557987&sa=D&source=calendar&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw1GX6NYH-siqTDqbG1n0-FY)

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Call to Order/Welcome

● The meeting was called to order at 1:02PM by Chairman Hanley

Roll Call

● **Members Present**: Richard White, Michael Mizell, Shawn Hanley, Dr. Samantha Brown-Parks, Eldson McGhee, , Patricia Lewis

● **Members Absent**: Michael Moore, Stephen Leake, Jim McCurrie

**● Staff Present**: Stanley Wilson (Community Development) , Ann Isaac

Invocation by Mr.Mizell

Pledge led by Rick White

Approval of November 17, 2022 Meeting Agenda

● Dr. Brown-Parks a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 Meeting Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Ratification of October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

● Mr. Mizelle made a motion Ratifying the October 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

General Discussion/

Old Business

Mr. Stan Wilson of Community Development:

* BOC presented the $1M for VEC to be included in county budget. It will be discussed and if approved will be adopted in Jan 2023
* Mr. McGhee requested a follow-up review for last RFP and a review of actions for the VEC. Mr. Wilson discussed ways we could review the impact of the funds distributed in last cycle. Mr. Wilson will give us the report of the findings- letting us know persons being served and in what manner (and also update us on the Budget schedule).
* The Continuum of care for housing through HUD was discussed as an opportunity for additional board members that have Veterans’ needs in mind. Possibly a VEC member could be a bridge between the two. There may also be an opportunity through the Senior home repair program. There may also be overlap into Mental Health programs.

Shawn Hanley, Chairman

* Budget Review and Grant Writing Recap : We will be using the consulting team led by Leah Tennille to help with the Grant proposals in addition to the budget from the county. Adjustments will need to be made to the RFP or have multiple funding cycles if Grant dollars are to arrive “off Cycle”.

New Business

Rev. Eldson McGhee, Vice Chairman

* There should be an overview of the membership of the VEC since several commissioners have not appointed representatives from their districts. He would like to create a plan to have a face to face with the commissioners.

Announcements

* Thank you to everyone for their attendance in Veterans Day activities
* Mr. White congratulations to Mr. Mizell for identifying WWII veterans in local Nursing homes turning 100 years old and celebrating the greatest generation.

Mr. While moved to adjourn meeting, Dr. Brown-Parks seconds motion

Meeting Adjourned: 1:42