CITY OF AURORA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: January 9, 2018
Time: 5:30
Meeting #73

In Attendance

Larry Eichelberger – Chairman
Eddie Perez - Co-Chairman
Celia Rodriguez – Secretary
Curtis Spivey
Chuck Nelson – CoA Liaison

Josh Pfeuffer
Joe Toma
George Wells

1. Call To Order
   Chairman Eichelberger

2. Pledge of Allegiance
   AVAC

3. Moment of Silence
   AVAC

4. Roll Call
   Secretary Rodriguez

5. Mission Statement
   Chairman Eichelberger

6. Acceptance of December 12th Minutes
   AVAC
   a. Motion made by Joe Toma, 2nd and accepted by council members

7. Treasurer’s Report
   Joe Toma
   a. Changes to next agenda: add Scholarship fund to treasurer’s report list of funds
   b. Motion to accept made by Eddie Perez, 2nded by Josh Pfeuffer, accepted by council members

8. Sub Committee Report Out
   a. Chairperson needed to take charge of Scholarship Fund. Status/balance to be reported with Treasurer’s report
b. 16 bricks sold so far with proceeds going toward the Scholarship fund

9. Task Committee Report Outs
   a. Christmas for the Troops
      i. “Thank You’s” were sent out to the various schools who participated along with the cards for the troops.
   b. AVAC Web Page & Proposed Changes
      i. Website and social media pages have been updated and are now live.
      ii. AVAC Facebook page has surpassed 1000 likes!
   c. Bricks and Monuments
      i. Promotional display has been set up at the Aurora Train Station
      ii. 16 bricks have been ordered
   d. Service Dogs
      i. One Service dog will be joining his Vet in mid-February
      ii. Possible partnership with airlines to earn/use frequent flyer miles to use for Vet/Service dog travel

10. COA Liaison Report Out
    a. Bylaws will be clarified and redefined for all City Councils
    b. CoA Mayor wants standardized logos for City of Aurora councils
    c. Coordination with councils and CoA Media/sites
    d. Five new candidates for AVAC positions
    e. Suggestion made by Josh P.: create a template for councils to use and adjust based on specific council needs
    f. Council Training will be held at the end of January for reps from each CoA Commission and Council

11. Cabin Fever Meet and Greet
    a. Discussion postponed for a future meeting
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<td>a. On hold for next meeting</td>
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<td>Recycle Day</td>
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<td>a. Meeting with Veteran organizations are in the works in order to coordinate assistance for Veterans for 2019 electronics recycling events with CoA</td>
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<td>b. Planning is underway for registration and execution process</td>
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<td>AVAC Shirts</td>
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<td>a. Ready to be ordered, awaiting CoA funds/partnerships</td>
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<td>22 Kilo Ruck March</td>
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<td>a. Potential partner from Yorkville, will discuss further with Deputy Mayor Nelson</td>
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<td>a. CoA will begin business registration process where Vet owned/discounted businesses will be identified</td>
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<td>Heroes Meeting at City Hall</td>
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<td>a. Scheduled for Jan. 22nd, 2019 at 2:30 pm</td>
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<td>18.</td>
<td>Vets Week and Fundraisers</td>
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<td>a. FUNDRAISING EVENTS</td>
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<td>i. 50/50 – Josh – Possible online ticket sales this year with proceeds to benefit service dog program (5/25)</td>
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<td>ii. Car Show – Joe will get permit for event (5/25)</td>
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<td>iii. Aspen Lane Winery – Ch. Larry &amp; Joe met with Bob Evanovsky to begin coordination and planning</td>
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<td>iv. Scientel – Joe – will contact rep to start planning and will update at next meeting</td>
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<td>b. EVENTS</td>
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<td>i. Drive Thru BBQ – May 23rd – Ch. Larry – Event Cancelled</td>
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<td>ii. WGN Flyover – Celia/Josh – Josh has contacted EA for the 24th/25th</td>
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<td>iii. Memorial Service – AVAC – Will be held 5/26</td>
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iv. Parade- AVAC – Deputy Mayor Nelson will find out what our participation will be for Parade (just walk or more presentations)

19. Open Council Comments & New Business
   a. Courtesy call for no-shows
   b. RTA (Rebuild Together Aurora) – Chairman Eichelberger is coordinating for Vets helping Vets events
      i. Minimum one event per year
   c. Future participation in First Fridays at RiverEdge Park with booth/table to spread the word about AVAC and what we offer: assistance, bricks, scholarships, etc.

20. Good of the Order
   a. Three children from Veterans homes were gifted a new bike, games, and baby items over the holidays

21. Next meeting February 13th at 17:30 hrs

22. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn made by Joe Toma, 2nd by Josh Pheuffer, accepted by all members