



# CITY OF AURORA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL Minutes

**Date:** May 12, 2021  
**Meeting # 90**

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

1. **Call to Order** Will Hart called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance lead off the agenda
3. **Moment of Silence** The Council joined together for this moment honoring active duty service members and veterans
4. **Roll Call** Six members (a quorum) were present. Those in attendance were Bruce Cairns, Jose Cervantes, Randy Fisher, Will Hart, Ken Leask, and Curtis Spivey

The Adoption of Rules on Public Comment was not discussed because Alex Voigt was not in attendance.

5. **Mission Statement** Randy Fisher read the AVAC Mission Statement
6. **Acceptance of previous Minutes** The Minutes from October, 2020 were read and approved. Ken made the motion to accept the minutes and Curtis seconded the motion. They will be sent to Doug King, City of Aurora.
7. **Public Comment** Joe Toma addressed the council. He pointed out instances when he felt the Council had not been responsive to communications from himself and others. He said he had filed a Freedom of Informational Act request concerning the finances of AVAC but would not state the specific problem other than "the money was not right."
8. **Treasurer's Report** Randy Fisher read off the balances of the five funds held by the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. There was no financial activity in April.

Scholarship Fund	\$00.00
AVAC Fund	\$16,701.74
Memorial Brick Fund	\$1123.46
Service Dog Fund	\$83,131,65
Veterans Assistance Fund	\$31,079.77

**9. Committee Report Out**

**a. Scholarship Fund** The City of Aurora has failed to send the Community Foundation their donation of \$5,000.00 for 2020. This means AVAC will not present any scholarships this Spring (2021). We will work with COA to obtain the funds for 2020 and 2021. The Community Foundation failed to inform AVAC of the past due funds and that there was an October deadline for activating the scholarship process. This was not shared with the Council.

**b. AVAC Web/Social Media** Curtis reported that the AVAC website is active and doing well. Will and Randy will be access to AVAC’s e-mail when implementing the Veterans Assistance program. Curtis said he would get them the necessary passwords for that to happen.

**c. Service Dogs** No report because Josh Pfeuffer was not present.

**d. Memorial Brick Fund** June 13<sup>th</sup> is the tentative date for a small ceremony at Phillips Park with four bricks to be dedicated that day. Will and Jose are working on obtaining the bricks and contacting the families of the June date.

**e. Assistance Fund** Will and Randy will contact Kane County Veterans Assistance Commission to start the program before the next meeting.

**10. COA Liaison Report** Alex Voigt was not present for the meeting

**11. Upcoming Events** June 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday afternoon) for the Brick Dedication.

**12 Old Business** None

**13. New Business**

**AVAC Coins** Will presented the idea of developing an AVAC Coin to be given to veterans or civilians for acts above and helping veterans. This is based on the program in the services of presenting “Challenge Coins.”

**Dogs for Vets** Ken will arrange for Jane Davis, Aurora University, to come to a council meeting to talk about a Dogs for Vets program. The goals would be different than our service dog program.

**14. Announcements** None

**15. Good of the Order** None

**16. Next meeting is June 9, 2021**

**17. Adjournment** Motion to adjourn made by Bruce and seconded by Curtis at 6:45 p.m.