CITY OF AURORA VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Date: September 11, 2019
Time: 5:30
Meeting #80

In Attendance

Members Present:
Randy Fisher Will Hart
Celia Rodriguez Curtis Spivey
Joe Toma Jose Cervantes
Chuck Nelson – City Liaison George Wells

1. Call to Order Celia Rodriguez
2. Pledge of Allegiance All
3. Moment of Silence All
4. Roll Call Rodriguez
5. Mission Statement Joe Toma
6. Acceptance of June 12th Minutes
   a. Minutes were not available; will be available for Oct. 9th meeting
   b. July Meeting was cancelled
   c. August meeting was cancelled due to posting of agenda
7. Guest Speaker – Simon Rodriguez & Lily Rocha from Rep. Barbara Hernandez office; spoke about the Rep.’s Veterans Advisory group that will focus on Veteran needs and benefits and invited the group to attend a future meeting.
8. Public Comment
   a. No public comment
9. Treasurer’s report
   a. Motion to accept made by Will Hart, 2nd by Curtis Spivey, all aye
   b. Motion to move money from general acct to scholarship fund made by Joe Toma, 2nd by Will hart, all aye
10. Committee Reports
   1. Scholarship Fund - No report; needs member to take over
   2. Christmas for the Troops – nothing to report, need someone to take charge
   3. AVAC Website/Social Media – Curtis: Glitch on website will be addressed by Curtis
   4. Memorial Bricks – needs someone to take over; glitch on website for ordering will be addressed by Cutris
   5. Service Dogs – Joe/Josh/Will

11. Task Force Reports
    a. Assistance Fischer/Hart/Alvarez
       1. Liaison Chuck Nelson will assist with ongoing efforts
    b. Ruck March Pheufer/Rodriguez
       1. Planning will be postponed until early 2020/spring

12. Vet Owned Businesses/Discount Plackards
    a. Chairman Rodriguez indicated that we will need someone to step up and assist. Chuck mentioned that the City will require business registration in 2020 which may help identify Vet owned businesses.

13. COA Report Liaison Chuck Nelson
    a. Reminder about Veteran’s Day on November 11. Parade will begin at 9:30 am
    b. Training - Public Official Training: Identifying and Preventing Discrimination and Harassment presented by Abigale Rogers

14. Upcoming Events All
    a. Nothing to report

15. New Business All
    a. Call to Shoulders being rescheduled
    b. Discussion on AVAC’s Social Media and Website
       1. Nelson indicated that we have to set rules for posting on social media. City composing By-Laws for all groups that will have a section pertaining to use of social media.
2. Spivey mentioned lots of activity on our social media sites Soldier serving in Iraq posted on AVAC’s site.

16. Announcements - None All

17. Good of the Order All

   a. Curtis spoke about R.E.D. Friday post on our AVAC Facebook page getting a lot of positive attention and feedback in support of our deployed service members.

18. Next meeting reminder October 9, 2019

19. Adjournment @ approximately 19:30 hrs – no quorum, no motion

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