

Veterans Advisory Committee meeting

Date: 4/12/23

Time: 4:07PM

End Time: 5:52PM

Location: Government
Center Brantner Gulch B

Meeting called by: Luke Orander

Facilitator: Luke Orander

Note taker: Glenn Robinson

Attendees: Chaz Tedesco, Lisle Reed, Luke Orander, Terry Young, Glenn Robinson, Donald Maloy, Bradley Bohling, David Bigelow, Victor Lagunas, Josh Sender

Minutes

Agenda item: Veterans Memorial Sign Program

Presenter: Josh Sender

Discussion: Adams County is highly invested in showing support for residents who are currently serving or are veterans of the United States military services. As part of this commitment, the Public Works Department has implemented the Veterans Memorial Sign Program. This program is intended to allow residents of Adams County who are family or friends of military veterans killed in the line of duty to request dedication of a street in unincorporated Adams County to the memory of their departed veterans.

The City of Thornton currently has a sign in unincorporated Adams County. Programmatic recommendation is that the county collaborates with municipalities to place signage in Thornton, Northglenn, Commerce City, etc. Option 2 – The county will utilize unincorporated portions of the county to honor veterans.

Public Works will have sign placement discretion.

Conclusions: Policy will include mechanism for applications to come through the council to be vetted. Merchant Marines will not be included in the program. Terry Young moved to approve the program be for deceased veterans only. The motion passed with a vote of 5 – 0.

Agenda item: Retreat Updates

Presenter: N/A

Discussion:

Conclusions: Glenn will check in with Gabe and send any updates via email

Retreat date: 21 July 2023

Location: Adams County Government Center

Time: 8:30AM

Duration: 8 hours

Agenda item: Marine 5k Reminder **Presenter:** Lisle Reed

Discussion: Terry has committed to having a tent booth. Several veterans have committed to being in attendance, including members of the VAC. Additionally, the VAC will be there promoting Memorial Day.

Conclusions: Glenn will coordinate a large 3x5 tripod with the veteran's memorial save the date flyer artwork on it. This will be displayed at the 5k tent. Terry will coordinate the pickup of the tent with Glenn.

Agenda item: Staffing Updates **Presenter:** Glenn Robinson

Discussion: Victor's last day is Friday, April 14. Transition assistance for the VSO will be provided by the regional State VSO, and the VSO from Arapahoe county in the interim. Interviews for the new VSO and VSO admin are currently being conducted.

Conclusions: Interviews for the new VSO and VSO admin are currently being conducted.

Agenda item: Other Business – Memorial celebration **Presenter:** Commissioner Tedesco

Discussion: Weekend logistics for the memorial celebration were discussed in conjunction with interest in participation from external entities.

Conclusions: VAC is requesting a schedule for the Memorial Day (Saturday) meet and greet session.

Agenda item: Other Business – Trauma Presentation **Presenter:** Donald Maloy

Discussion: Panel discussion at the Human Services Building from 10 am – 2pm this coming Sunday.

Conclusions: Please join if you can.

Agenda item: Other Business – Aurora City VAC meeting **Presenter:** Luke Orander

Discussion: No outcome, however, Luke and Terry were able to connect with the City of Aurora VAC to open lines of communication.

Conclusions: N/A

Meeting Adjourned: 5:52PM