

# Veterans Advisory Commission

## Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2022

Present: Michael Jenet, Femmi Clemons, Alison Bosworth, Chaz Tedesco

Next meeting: July 12th, 4-6pm, The GC in Brighton – Room W8101

### 1. Discussion with Built for Zero

- The built for zero team has been able to reduce the veteran homeless population from about 92 individuals to about 18. Based on this reduction the team would like to begin conversation around potential housing options in Adams County because these last individuals are in situations that they won't be able to secure housing in any of the traditional manners to include using vouchers. The guidelines for development around potential tiny homes in the county are attached to this email for consideration.
- The VAC will begin looking at potential options for housing locations. If a location is secured the county would be able to functionally eliminate veteran homelessness.

### 2. Commissioner Updates

- None currently other than wanting to discuss commission engagement and limitations for staff. Discussed during expectations topic.

### 3. Josh departure/new vice chair

- Not enough in attendance to discuss this. The 2 currently open positions will be posted soon to be filled.

### 4. Expectations of Committee Members

- Discussion was had about changing event planning to quarterly and asking who still has the ability/desire to be a part of the commission moving forward. An email was sent to all members to ask if they would like to continue the commission. Please respond.
- The bylaws were being updated prior to Robert's departure; does anyone have a copy of the updates that were in progress? Commissioner Tedesco will try to locate a copy for us to get the document updated.
- The ADCO team has informed the VAC that the meetings should be publicly posted so the specifics of where and how they need to be posted are being discussed. More information coming soon.

### 5. Event Calendar Discussion

WarriorNow and other organizations will be partnering for many of the future events. Please let me know who plans to attend which events to hold the table and provide VAC support/information.

- **Field Day at Riverdale Regional May 21<sup>st</sup> – CANCELLED**
- **Military Spouse Sit and Paint (May 23rd) – CANCELLED**
- **Femmi - Hosting a table/helping - Military and Veteran Outreach Event (May 14 @ HSC 10:30 – 3:30)**
- **Don - Golf Tournament (June)**
- **Hosting a table/helping - ADCO PRIDE (June 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am) Alison, Terry, and Michael plan to attend**
- **Hosting a table/helping - Stars and Stripes @ Riverdale? (July 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

- **Don & Project Healing Waters - Fishing tournament at Riverdale Regional (July 16)**
- **Hosting a table/helping - Alison - Golf tournament with Bodhi Battalion (August)**
- **Don - Yoga at Red Rocks (September)**
- **WarriorNow - Trunk or Treat (October 31 @HSC?)**
- **Luke & WarriorNow - Hosted Veterans day event (discuss a Casino night at a location that Luke has available) (November)**
- **WarriorNow - Holiday Cookoff for ADCO veteran staff (December @GC from 11-1 and we have the room from 10-2 for set-up and break down) Femmi will contact police, sheriffs, and parks to engage those folks who normally don't attend.**

## **6. Memorial Storywall Request**

We needed to provide feedback to Cyndi on the following items for the memorial and recommendations were made based on suggestions from those who attended:

- Do we want the presidential quotes that were sent previously to be incorporated into the memorial plaques? The decision was made to use the suggested quotes and stay with Presidential quotes to reduce the feeling of bias in some way.
- The plaque that holds the name of the memorial was changed to incorporate the suggested name and add all in the quotes as well.

## **7. Memorial Coin Updates**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> coin has a mockup being made and the proof will be provided to the VAC once it is available for review. The decision to go forward with making this coin will need to happen immediately to meet the deadline for coin production for the ribbon cutting so the VAC will be asked to stop by Femmi's office to see it as soon it comes in.
- The second coin did not get any submissions from Post 1 artists, so Josh was going to ask the air national guard to help with the design, however Josh has now resigned from the Commission. We will need another plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> coin asap.

## **8. Memorial Name**

There were no submissions for the naming competition. Based on the suggestions made by the VAC the recommended name was "All Veterans Memorial".

## **9. Vests**

Femmi has the ordered vests for everyone. Those who attended received theirs, so feel free to stop by the VSO office to get yours or they will be available at the next meeting.

## **10. Next Meeting (July 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Luke offered for us to host the next meeting at his location. We have our usual room reserved for now but if Luke would like to provide his space, we will convene there in July.

**Our next meeting will be:**

**Tuesday, July 12th, 4-6pm, The GC in Brighton – Room W8101**