

Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, July 21, 2021
By WebEx and Facebook Live Streaming

Attendance

Voting Members	Present	Absent	Excused
Deb Childers	X		
Paul Hunter	X		
Sharon Jacko	X		
David Kaye	X		
Wilfred Plumley			X
Fred Schumacher	X		
Fred Wood	X		
Ex-officio members			
Dee Harrison			X
Michelle Day			X
Andrea Walker			X
Michael McLane			X
County Councilman Steve McKay			X
Delegate Carol Krimm			X
Nan Mann	X		

Guest: Diane Fulchiron, Rod Minor **Staff:** Miles Ward, Pat Fleet, Kathy Schey and Brad Petersen

Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Jacko called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Establishment of a quorum: After a review of attendance, Sharon Jacko determined that a quorum of voting members were present.

Approval of Meeting Agenda: Fred Schumacher made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Paul Hunter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Comments: Sharon Jacko welcomed Kathy Schey and Brad Petersen from the Frederick County Senior Services, the VAC will be transitioning to that division starting in August.

Presentation: Diana Fulchiron is the director of Community Impact with the Community Foundation of Frederick County. She reviewed the application process for the SGT. David J. Smith Veterans Relief Fund. Applications to apply for support opened up on July 12, 2021. The funding covers a broad range of needs including housing, food and mental health support and other services. The applications must come from a local non-profit organization on the veteran's behalf. The veteran will need proof of service with an honorable discharge. More information is on their website. <https://www.frederickcountygives.org/Grants-Scholarships/Grants>

Presentation: Rod Minor is with Business Resource Television, he discussed video production that promote veterans and business resource programs, including *Veterans In Transition*, which is broadcast on WHUT, the Howard University public television channel. He would like to get involved with Frederick County Veterans and tell their stories. Veterans in transition is a platform for Veterans to share their stories. It also highlights what the Veterans are doing in their community. They do 1 show a month and it airs 8 – 12 times.

Old Business

Approval of the meeting minutes from June: Deb Childers made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2021 meeting as submitted. David Kaye seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comments were submitted through the designated public input portal.

New Business

The Frederick County Senior Services Division will host its annual Veteran Resource and Recognition event this year virtually. Plan to watch the upcoming event and speakers on July 28. To register send an email to SSDVetEvent@FrederickCountyMD.gov. Be sure to include your name, email address and phone number.

Here's the link for complete information about topics and speakers:

<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/SSDVetEvent>

On July 21 the VAC's own Col. Fred Schumacher presented a lively presentation about the military history of Frederick County.

Miles Ward will be sending out the VAC's Annual Report for review soon.

There was a discussion about returning to in person meetings in September.

Brad Petersen announced that Senior Services Blue Book resource guide is being worked on now. He would like to see an enhanced Veterans portion of the guide. He will send it out for the group to add resources that they are aware of.

The next meeting of the VAC will be on **Wednesday August 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by the Frederick County Human Relations Department.