

Frederick County Veterans Advisory Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 18, 2022
Winchester Hall, Third Floor Meeting Room
In Person Meeting

Attendance

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

Guests: Diane Fox, Dr. Rachel Mandel, and Tim Abeska (Charles Chipley and Fred Becker, guests in attendance) **Staff:** Robert Duncan and Brad Petersen

Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Jacko called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Sharon Jacko 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 was present.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Wilfred Plumley made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2022 meeting minutes. Fred Wood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chair Comments

Sharon Jacko spoke about the County Executive's Older Americans Month proclamation, highlighting the need to fill the vacancy on the board.

Presentations

Dr. Rachel Mandel, Trauma Responsive Frederick, presented on the group's mission to provide support and care through the filter of trauma informed care. While not a direct service provider, the group is focused on effecting broad social change on a county level regarding organizations ability to provide trauma informed care. Trauma responsive practice is the act of anticipating potential traumas that may occur and what the aftermath looks like in order to appropriately address it. More information can be found at www.traumaresponsivefrederick.org

Tim Abeska, I AM ALS, presented on ALS, and the group's efforts to provide support and resources to patients, caregivers, and loved ones. I AM ALS also works to raise awareness of the prevalence of ALS among Veterans as Veterans are twice as likely to be diagnosed with ALS than civilians. More information can be found at www.iamals.org

Public Comment

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

New Business

Wilfred Plumley issued a certificate of appreciation to Diane Fox, Frederick County Treasurer, from USAG Ft Detrick CDR for work she recently did for the Military Retiree Council.

Fred Schumacher will offer a Memorial Park Tour Monday, May 30th at 11:30am.

Announcements

Brad Petersen provided the following updates:

- The County Executive's office has 3 letters of interest from individuals looking to serve on various Boards & Commissions. They will forward those individuals to the VAC, if appropriate.
- A slate of officers will need to be presented at the June meeting for term starting in July.
- The County will be advertising about vacancies on Boards and Commissions again after July 1, 2022.

After discussion, the VAC membership agreed upon the following:

- Robert Duncan will continue to forward emails in the same manner he has been. (The alternative being compiling them all in a weekly newsletter.)
- VAC members will have their individual pictures taken and posted for the VAC website. This way, pictures can be updated easier than an entire group photo.
- VAC members would like to keep the logo for now.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

The next meeting of the VAC will be on **Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at 6:30pm** at Winchester Hall, Third Floor Meeting Room.

Submitted by the Frederick County Senior Services Division.