

CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

3:00 pm Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Commissioner's Board Room

112 Smith Street Jonesboro, GA 30236

Members Present: Chairman Clarence Burnough, Vice-Chairman Paul Winfrey, Kenneth Gilmore, Wilbert Jordan

Members Absent: Diane Hanna and Evan Black

Others Present: Ryan Shaw, Human Resources

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:47 p.m.

II. Review of the Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Wilbert Jordan to accept the minutes with any necessary corrections, second by Vice Chairman Winfrey. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

III. The Bylaws:

The Veterans' Advisory Board bylaws were addressed.

Motion made by Mr. Wilbert Jordan to accept the bylaws, second by Vice Chairman Winfrey. No discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

IV. New Business:

Chairman Burnough spoke briefly about the Veterans' Day ceremony. The discussion then moved towards a proposed resolution to allow disabled veterans

to use the Clayton County recreational centers at the same discounted fee as senior citizens.

Motion made by Vice-Chairman Winfrey to propose that all disabled veterans be allowed to use the Clayton County recreation centers at the discounted senior citizens rate. Second by Mr. Jordan. There was no discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Gilmore asked about the possibility of speaking with local "VFW's" about helping out in the community (i.e. helping in schools). Chairman Burnough stated that he believed the best way to obtain volunteers would be to use Channel 26 to ask for any veterans to volunteer. Mr. Jordan stated that background checks would be required for any volunteers that would work within the school system. There was discussion about the need for male and female volunteers within the Clayton County school system and the possibility of getting the Board of Commissioners' support on the issue. Mr. Jordan stated that the school board's superintendent would need to be in support of the endeavor. The Board further discussed how there was a need for more positive role models within the school system and how to get this initiative approved. The idea of having Mundy's Mill being a school that could test the program was discussed.

Vice Chairman Winfrey spoke on compiling a list of all businesses that give discounts to veterans. Mr. Jordan informed the Board of his knowledge of an individual by the name of 'Johnny Brinson' who could assist in this endeavor. Chairman Burnough expressed support of this idea.

Mr. Jordan spoke on the Board going to Clayton County recreational centers to have meetings periodically throughout the year. Vice Chairman Winfrey asked if the Board should set up a schedule. A brief overview of the various recreational centers and their locations took place. Mr. Jordan stated that the Board should contact them to inquire about their availability.

Vice-Chairman Winfrey expressed the need to get the local ministers of churches involved with spreading the word about the Veterans' Advisory Board. Mr. Jordan stated that he could help with getting the ministers involved with letting the community know about them.

Chairman Burnough informed the Board that the next meeting would be on December 13th at 3 o' clock in the afternoon.

There was a discussion on how to approach the proposed meetings at the recreational centers. Chairman Burnough stated that he would contact Interim Director of Parks and Recreation, Troy Hodges, and the various recreational centers. The Board discussed what day they prefer these meetings to take place.

Motion made by Mr. Jordan to propose that the evening forums be held at the recreational centers from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Mondays or Thursdays. Second by Vice Chairman Winfrey. There was no discussion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Burnough discussed dates for the evening meetings. In January 2017, the 9th and the 12th were the second Monday and Thursday of the month. The Board decided that January 12th would be the first evening meeting and that it will be held at the recreational center in Lovejoy. The next meeting would be March 9th at the Aquatic Center. Following that meeting, the Board would have their evening meeting on May 11th at The Beach followed by a meeting on July 13th at Carl Rhodenizer. The last proposed evening meeting was scheduled for October 12th at Virginia Gray.

The Board decided that the first two regularly scheduled meetings would be on January 12th follow February 16th in 2017.

Vice-Chairman Winfrey asked what they would call the recreational center meetings. The Board agreed on calling them "forums." Mr. Jordan expressed reaching out to various other veteran organizations. Chairman Burnough stated that he would get a list of other veteran organizations to contact.

Vice-Chairman Winfrey asked about providing refreshments. Mr. Jordan was not in favor of providing refreshments due to their not being a budget.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Burnough adjourned the Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of November, 2016. The next meeting date will be on December 13, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.