

July 6, 2023

Board Chambers

**Veterans Commission**

**MINUTES**

**Members**

**Dr. Vanessa M. Gattis  
Nancy Jean-Louis  
Donnell E. Johns, Sr.  
Cheryl S. H. Lamar**

**Tim Parrish  
Joshua Quill  
Dean Woodard**

Present: Commissioners Vanessa Gattis, Nancy Jean-Louis, Donnell E. Johns, Sr., Tim Parrish, Joshua Quill, Dean Woodard; Director of Human Resources Joseph Gilkerson, Admins Stacy Anderson and Veronica Marquez. Chair Tim Parrish called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Minutes

- Minutes of May 4, 2023, were approved (Woodard-motion/Gattis-seconded/Unanimous).

Public Comment Time

- None.

Administrative Remarks

- Commissioner Jean-Louis discussed not receiving Commission emails.

Work Session

- Chair Parrish discussed Joseph Gilkerson assisting with setting up a meeting with Transportation. Discussed finding out that the Agency on Aging assists with transportation needs by connecting Veterans and their families with volunteers from Volunteer Prince William.
- Vice-Chair Gattis discussed the need for organizations to apply to become community partners to assist with their funding concerns.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

## Commissioners Time

- Commissioner Jean-Louis – Discussed July 26<sup>th</sup> being the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of racial desegregation in the U.S Armed Forces per the Executive Order 9981. Let the Commission know that Fort Belvoir will rename one of their streets “EO 9981”.
- Commissioner Gattis – Let the Commission know that she has invited Christopher Shorter, PWC County Executive, to a Commission meeting. Met with the Director of Final Salute and would like to have a representative come to brief the Commission on the services they provide.
- Commissioner Quill – Asked about having a meeting at Willing Warriors and inquired about when a meeting would be setup. Discussed setting the meeting up with other Commissioners. Inquired about how many organizations are in the community partner program. Inquired about a list of benefits/programs available to Veterans in the County and what the process is to receive. Inquired about where the standing rules are located. Notified Commission of an event occurring on July 15<sup>th</sup> with Willing Warriors.
- Commissioner Woodard – Introduced himself to the Commission.
- Commissioner Parrish – Discussed update he received from Tom Gordy regarding housing on Quantico Marine Corps Base. Inquired about Fairfax County Veterans Commission representative attending a PWC Commission meeting and briefing on what is done in their jurisdiction. Let Commissioners know that there will be a time for photographs to be taken on August 3<sup>rd</sup> prior to the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm. (Quill-motion/Gattis-seconded/unanimous)