

Kent County Veterans Services



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VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Department of Veterans Services Committee

July 7th, 2016 – 8:30a.m.

Minutes

Paul Potter
Harold Mast
Fred Chamber
Mary Johnson
Mel Bauman

Meeting Called to order at 8:26 by Paul Potter

Present: Carrie Anderson, Richard Goodrich, Paul Potter, Fred Chambers, Harold Mast, Mel Bauman, Mary Johnson

Guests:

Absent:

Open Introduction / Pledge

1. Paul Potter led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

1. None.

Approval of Agenda / Minutes

1. Harold Mast made motion to approve the Minutes from June meeting. Mary Johnson seconded. Minutes approved

Introductions

1. No introductions needed.

Managers, Monthly Operational Update Report for March

1. See attachments- there was no AFF report because of the transition with the County
2. Team updates- Carrie gave the committee an update on the budget.
3. August is going to bring an increase in commercials on Comcast stations.
 - a. Fred Chambers asked that we look into ValPak advertising.
4. Still over 1,000% on return investment.
5. Will remove Trust Fund from reports as the virtual committee is handling that now.

Old Business

An email was sent to Amanda with Equine Therapy in regards to Fred Chambersca; Mary waiting on response

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New Business

1. We are in the process of hiring a Clerk II position, that will make us fully staffed
2. Currently scheduling week and a half out for appointments.
3. Have 2 scholarship applications to review.
 - a. Mary Johnson moved to approve both scholarships
 - b. Fred Chambers seconded.
 - c. Both scholarships approved

Around the Table

1. Carrie mentioned that MVAA would possibly be building new homes for Veterans, and re-vamping existing homes.
2. Mel advised Army Strong Community Center has closed.
3. No Public Comment

Adjournment

1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10AM by Paul Potter, and the next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4th at 8:30 AM

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