



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Veterans Service Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Monday, September 21, 2020

10:00 AM

Remote meeting call in 1-877-309-2073

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A. Call To Order

Staff present Daniel Connery, James Quattromani, Pam Lange

Chair called meeting to order at 10:01 am

Present 5 - JOHN BECHTOL, JANE CREE, JOHN HOFER, BLAIRE ADKINS, and NATALIE
ISENSEE

Excused 1 - MICHAEL CRUM

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2020 MIN-180](#) Minutes from 4/3/2019 Veterans Service Commission Meeting

Attachments: [2020 MIN-180](#)

A motion was made by BECHTOL, seconded by CREE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

None

D. Presentations

1. Veterans Service Office 2021 Budget

Department head, Daniel Connery, presented the 2021 office budget. Department was asked to cut 2021 budget by 2.5%. There is a current 0.5 FTE position that will be unfunded. Wanting to fund LTE position with remaining budget funds. John Hofer made a motion to keep full budget for Veterans Services with no reduction, seconded by Jane Cree, motion passed. John Hofer planning to write a letter to support that recommendation.

E. Reports to Committee**1. VETS WITH PRIDE**

Reviewed and discussed 2019 Vets Ride with Pride budget and usage. Reviewed and discussed 2020 VRWP budget and usage. 2020 funds used down due to COVID as Madison Metro rides were free to public from March-September. Commute cards now being used starting 9/1/2020-capped at 32.50/month.

[2020
RPT-300](#)

Veterans Ride with Pride Reports

Attachments: [2020 RPT-300](#)
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2. Emergency Assistance Report

Review emergency assistance report 2019-underspent funds. Review emergency assistance report for 2020-no large demand possibly due to evictions put on hold. Expect 2020 to be accelerated after ejection hold is lifted.

[2020
RPT-289](#)

Emergency Assistance Report

Attachments: [2020 RPT-289](#)

3. New Business

Regarding veterans employed by the police department/sheriff's department. John Hofer will connect with Chris Reynolds from Dane County Sheriffs Office about funds available for employment advancement of veterans within the department.

4. Old Business

Table Madison Metro card discussion and discussion around UW and veteran friendly schools.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting will be January 11, 2021 @ 10:00 am

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by BECHTOL, seconded by CREE, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:01 am