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Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MARKET STATION CONFERENCE ROOM
500 Market Station, 3:00 pm
Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Veteran's Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Chris Calvert on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at the Market Station Conference Room, 500 Market Station, Santa Fe, New Mexico at approximately 3:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Calvert, Chair
Greg Scargall, Vice Chair
Carmen M. Rodriguez
Kenneth Dettelbach
Henry B. F. Hughes
Phillip Chavez

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sigrid Hannah Mabel, Excused
Jim McCormick
Chris Abeyta

OTHERS PRESENT

Chris Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Director, City of Santa Fe
Elinor Reiners, CEO, NM Veterans Integration Center
Dorothy Seaton, American Veterans for Equal Rights
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Carmen Rodriguez, seconded by Phillip Chavez, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 13, 2016**

Chair Calvert said that Carmen Rodriguez should be shown as excused for the meeting and that Jim McCormick was omitted from the Members Absent list.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Dettelbach, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

5. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. REVIEW AND DISCUSS A RESOLUTION DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO PLAN AND EXECUTE A FOURTH OF JULY COMPETITIVE RUN ON JULY 4, 2016, TO HONOR LOCAL VETERANS IN THE SANTA FE COMMUNITY.

Chair Calvert said Greg is not here and this is really his project.

Mr. Sanchez said he would report on this issue.

Mr. Sanchez said he took the Resolution to the Public Works Committee and got beat up. It was sent back to us with questions about what the intent of the Resolution is and if this just a run or a fundraising event. If it is a fundraising event, we need to put the details and logistics together for them. They asked that it be done through the Parks and Recreation Department and that we make those amendments in the Resolution. Also we were asked to take into consideration that the pancake event on the Plaza on the 4th of July is historic and that all the City's resources are already committed to that. We would have to find other staff at double time and a half because it is a holiday. They want us to figure out what the true intent is. The Resolution is very broad. They want it in much more detail.

Chair Calvert said that is why he wanted Greg here since this is his baby. He is sure he has some thoughts on it. He has heard that if it is for a fundraiser, which is what he intended, then it is a whole new ball game. There is a lot of expense that goes into a run. Sponsors have to be found and locked in if you want to make any money. It is late to do all that is required for a July event. The only way to make money is if you have sponsors for all the expenses. Fundraising is something the City attorney said we can't use our own money to get going. How will that work. We need to get that answered first. If we raise money what account does the money go into. These things need to get settled.

Mr. Dettelbach said in Rotary, we are all committed to the Pancake Festival and the antique car event for the 4th of July. Who on the Board will put in 100 volunteer hours for the run.

Mr. Hughes said Greg would.

Mr. Dettelbach said you need a lot of volunteers for that kind of event.

Chair Calvert said you can get sponsors and hire someone who puts on races.

Mr. Dettelbach said there are nine events that he is currently seeking sponsors for. Nine City events. It is pretty hard to get sponsors. Maybe if we had a year to plan it.

Mr. Sanchez said his suggestion is to take a step back after the 4th and go to the next year so that we have more time to plan the event.

Chair Calvert said the Mayor wants a parade on the same day for Veterans.

Ms. Rodriguez asked what about doing it on Nov 11th.

Chair Calvert said it is a weather thing.

Mr. Scargall arrived at the meeting.

Chair Calvert updated Mr. Scargall on the discussion and asked where he is on the planning of the event.

Mr. Scargall said he was just at the conception of the idea. Initially he was thinking about the Santa Fe Community College sponsoring this event with the City and Rotary as a collaboration. It is just an idea. He thought it would enhance the activities on the Plaza on that day and promote health and wellness. He thought this would be a good thing for the Board to do to raise awareness and to raise funds for Veterans assistance.

Mr. Scargall said he just came from a meeting on housing which pointed out the critical needs in the area of housing for Veterans. What mechanisms do we have to sustain funds. This was one proposal.

Mr. Sanchez said we would have to re-write the Resolution to be very detailed as the Public Works Committee requested.

Chair Calvert said the New Mexico Veterans Services has submitted a Bill, HB185, this session and Greg caught it. It says that regarding the funds we had coming in from the income tax check off, they want to take those funds and say the money is theirs and they did not say anything to us about it. He talked to General Fox at the Roundhouse and told him we did not know anything about it. They agreed that they had to fulfill their obligation to the City first before they use the money. Their estimate or hope is that they think they can bring in \$100,000 a year through that check off by increasing awareness and pushing the opportunity for people to help Veterans. They first have to fulfill their obligation to the City which is \$600,000 plus a year. If they are going to do that and if that Bill passes then we don't have as much urgency in the raising funds area. Maybe we should not try to rush to get this done as a fundraiser this year.

It has been my experience that you get sponsors who pay for all the expenses and you collect the entry fees.

Mr. Scargall said any money we made would be residual.

Mr. Dettelbach said the run can be important and it is something you can build on year after year but he does not know if we need the City. We need to stay away from the Plaza. The Plaza is packed. He and Greg can go see Katie at De Vargas Center and have a De Vargas Center Veterans Run as a fundraiser. Have De Vargas Center promote it in their stores and other places there. Get permission from the City to run in some streets.

Mr. Scargall asked what are we defining as the Plaza.

Mr. Dettelbach said just the Plaza.

Chair Calvert said on the 4th it is taken with the antique car show and the pancake event.

Mr. Scargall said the run can be elsewhere.

Mr. Dettelbach said every store in De Vargas would love to help Veterans and publicize that. You can get other sponsors as well.

Ms. Rodriguez said runs are early in the morning.

Mr. Scargall said that is what the proposal said. 7:00 am is what the proposal said and he did not say the run would be around the Plaza, just close by.

Mr. Dettelbach asked does anyone really think we can get the help of the City for the 4th.

Mr. Hughes said no.

Mr. Sanchez said it would be advisable if we move it off the 4th and the Plaza.

Mr. Dettelbach said or keep the 4th of July and have the De Vargas Center sponsor it.

Chair Calvert asked do we have enough time from now to then to pull this off. He has concerns and so do a couple of Councilors. Most events like this start a year in advance for planning. He does not want us to get off on the wrong foot with the Council and the community by staking our reputation on something if it is not well thought out. If we are not as concerned with funding as we were, then he does not want to be in such a hurry and wants take our time. Maybe do this event next year. The Council is going to

want to see something anyway if we involve them or not. They are in charge of the funds. They want sponsors, volunteers, budgets and a time line. He is not sure we need to rush into something which could bite us.

Ms. Rodriguez said maybe we could get REI to help. They do runs all the time. They could do the run for us.

Mr. Scargall said part of the proposal he put out there states that we can go hire someone to do it but we would only get 20 cents on the dollar. A lot of issues are up in the air like the Bill. We need to have a clear understanding of what we can and cannot do as far as fundraising. There are other possibilities. He is not do or die on the race happening this year. He is interested in promoting Veterans issues from a community level. We don't have a lot of runs that are community friendly. It could enhance the cultural event in Santa Fe. The City is ill advised to say they can't take it on and are spread thin.

Mr. Sanchez said why don't we revise this Resolution to reflect that. We could get Parks and Recreation involved. Take time and do right. We can do the planning for the next twelve months and plan properly.

Chair Calvert said they want a plan for our budget. A well thought out and documented plan. Whether we like it or not, if we want their cooperation and approval we have to do that. We still do not have the clarification with Legal about how we can and cannot use our funds.

Mr. Dettelbach said he does not think we need our funds. We could raise \$10,000 in a heartbeat.

Chair Calvert said sometimes you have to spend a bit of seed money. We have to have a flyer or something.

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Dettelbach, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to do what Mr. Sanchez suggested.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. FUND ADMINISTRATION

Chair Calvert asked Ms. Rodriguez to report of what she found out.

Ms. Rodriguez said she called the Santa Fe Community Foundation in December. She spoke with Kristy Coggins. They unfortunately, were not too excited. She told her we would have \$30,000 to start with. She did not think she could help us.

Chair Calvert asked is there a threshold.

Ms. Rodriguez said she did not ask that. She said we should send out an RFP to Veterans Services and then give grants to agencies. She thought maybe the Interfaith Shelter could do it. She did ask what their fees were. She said 1.5% of the funds for their services. She was disappointed.

Mr. Dettelbach said we don't fit into their system. They don't like people telling them where to put their money. All the money they get is someone else's money. They run on a tight system and they want to make all the decisions.

Chair Calvert said they handle a lot of endowments for specific purposes. Do they run the show.

Mr. Dettelbach said broad spectrums of directions you can give. With endowments it is based on how they invest their money. Only a percentage goes to the cause.

Mr. Hughes asked are we thinking larger amount of money.

Chair Calvert said we could leave it in the City account.

Mr. Sanchez asked why don't we use the City to distribute this money.

Chair Calvert said like the Children and Family Commission except that this money is not coming out of the general fund.

Mr. Sanchez said we have that option. The way Children and Youth works is we have an RFP process housed in the City.

Mr. Hughes said he thinks that would work except for the rainy day fund.

Chair Calvert said you have Boards that evaluate organizations and distribute the money. We can do that.

Mr. Sanchez said we have a subcommittee to make decisions and then our office can administer the funds.

Ms. Rodriguez asked would that money gain any interest.

Chair Calvert said that is dependent on City rules.

Mr. Sanchez said you can advertise and organizations could apply to the Board.

Ms. Rodriguez asked so if we needed to pay for a tablecloth.

Mr. Sanchez said we execute the order to pay.

Mr. Chavez asked do you prefer that the City handle this or a subcommittee.

Mr. Sanchez said it would be the subcommittee they would apply to.

Mr. Dettelbach said they could apply on the website. Then the subcommittee talks to them and presents to the Board and we agree and send to Mr. Sanchez and he writes a check.

Mr. Chavez asked what about an individual Veteran. What would be the waiting period.

Mr. Dettelbach said thirty days.

Mr. Hughes said we need to put the rainy day fund with another organization.

Mr. Chavez said we have a fund to help Veterans. We have to verify that it is legit. We meet by committee or we take a phone vote.

Mr. Dettelbach said they can go to the rainy day fund. He likes the idea of what you suggested that it go through your office.

Mr. Sanchez said we should set up a process for things that can wait for thirty days. But for immediate needs take some money and give it to an organization that can use it immediately and report back to the Board so people can apply for it.

Chair Calvert said you could have the subcommittee act up to a certain amount for immediacy. Somebody has to do the work of verifying. You are going to get a lot of requests and some are not going to be valid.

Mr. Scargall said that has to be spelled out on the request form.

Chair Calvert said they will have to produce the bill or verify in some way.

Mr. Scargall said at the Community College we have emergency fund up to \$500. We passed our budget in September or October. We hoped we would have this up and running to help people immediately and here we are in February. That goes against the mission. There is need now. Even if we need a special meeting this month, we have to get this going.

Mr. Sanchez said we can do a subcommittee and meet and map the whole process out.

Mr. Chavez said he can approach the church to see if they are willing to do that

rainy day fund. He will need the process.

Mr. Scargall said let's act on this. He sees Veterans every day that are hurting.

Mr. Sanchez said the subcommittee can get together and meet soon, then we can pull a special meeting together and move forward.

Chair Calvert said the subcommittee can be Mr. Scargall, Mr. Chavez and myself. We can meet sometime next week then present at a special meeting. We can get the procedures lined out and how we are going to operate. We can draft forms as well.

Mr. Dettelbach said once you meet and have the process you should email that process out to everyone so we can take a look at that for the next meeting.

Mr. Sanchez said he will send out something.

Mr. Hughes said just to recap, for most things we will go through the City. The subcommittee will meet for the rainy day fund.

Chair Calvert said but we have to have oversight.

C. MARKETING PLAN/BUDGET

Chair Calvert said this was intended to go along with the purchase of the table cloth and things like that. The Council wanted to see more detail. It would behoove us to do that.

Mr. Scargall said it is not clear what we can spend money on to market. How do we create awareness of fund availability. How do we create awareness of bus passes, fitness passes and other opportunities. We have to figure out what our strategy is.

Chair Calvert said we have to start with what was approved on our budget this year.

Mr. Scargall said there was \$10,000 allocated in the budget. Sponsorships are marketing. We can become a sponsor and support events. Pins are a form of marketing.

Chair Calvert said he did explain to them start up costs.

Mr. Scargall said he does not know as a Board what we want to spend where. He wants to have that conversation. Right now he has the table cloth, brochures and advertising-print and radio.

Mr. Dettelbach asked how many Veterans tune in to those radio programs. In terms of allocating advertising dollars we need those stats.

Chair Calvert said he does not see us sponsoring those programs. He understands we are trying to get recognition. We can do that via free air time, not sponsoring other people's programs.

Mr. Dettelbach said the most important aspect of the City of Santa Fe is the businesses of Santa Fe. They have the money to help Veterans and support them. If they know about the Advisory Board they will want to support it and programs for Veterans.

Mr. Scargall said we don't even know if we can take the money yet.

Mr. Dettelbach said it would be better to support Veterans for internships at businesses for long-term sustainability.

Chair Calvert said he thinks what we have to do to have a discussion is for Mr. Scargall to bring us a proposal in advance so we have a chance to look at it and have our own thoughts. Give everyone a copy of our budget and how much is marketing and what is it we need to put in marketing specifically to help Veterans and get name recognition for us so we can build on that. We need to make sure Veterans know to come to us if they need help. Greg, we need that proposal in advance of the next meeting.

Mr. Chavez said on internships, if you have any businesses who will do that he has Veterans.

Mr. Dettelbach said we need to create sustainability for Veterans to be economically sustainable and viable. We can put businesses together for that. Is this money for a moment or a lifetime. We need to have money to get booths at events to publicize what we are doing.

Mr. Scargall said we still need banners.

Chair Calvert said and cards that can be handed out.

Chair Calvert said put that on your proposed plan.

D. PURPLE HEART SIGN LOCATIONS

Mr. Sanchez said we have ten signs and six locations have been identified. They are the entrance to Santa Fe, Old Pecos Trail, St. Francis north and south, New Mexico 599 north and south and Cerrillos Rd. They have asked us for direction and more

locations for the other four signs.

Chair Calvert said the intent is in the City limits. Maybe at the Bataan Memorial and City hall.

Mr. Dettelbach said on the Plaza.

Chair Calvert said that might be touchy.

Mr. Scargall said we could put one on Richards Avenue, heading to the Community College and put an adjacent sign to identify other centers.

Chair Calvert said if we accept those six we can put one at the Community Based Outpatient Clinic, one close to the cemetery, one at City Hall and one at the Bataan Memorial or somewhere by the Community College.

Mr. Dettelbach said by the railroad station.

Mr. Scargall suggested St. Michaels Drive.

Chair Calvert said he thinks the others should be at symbolic locations after the entrances to the City have been covered.

Ms. Rodriguez said maybe at the Veterans Center by Villa Linda mall.

Mr. Sanchez suggested that everyone submit their suggestions to the Chair.

Mr. Scargall asked when will we see these up.

Mr. Sanchez said within the next ninety days.

Chair Calvert said if we want to say we agree with the first six maybe they could start now. They probably want to do all at once though.

Mr. Scargall said he will do a proposed map.

Ms. Seaton said the railroad station makes sense. You have an airport as well.

Ms. Rodriguez said she liked the cemetery and the Veterans Center.

E. HOUSING PRIORITIES

Mr. Hughes said he emailed out his proposal on this. He passed around a

handout proposing how to use the \$10,000 allocated for homeless Veterans. The proposal is incorporated into these minutes herewith as Exhibit "1". If we could have a part time person at the Interfaith Shelter to screen those people as they come through to make sure they are a Veteran, that would help us immensely to get them to the services they need.

Chair Calvert said they also have John Herman there part of the time.

Mr. Hughes said not at night when they come in to sleep. Last week we sent a group out to assess people during the day and they got help for five then. John tells me that they have at least eighty people passing through in a year that say they are a Veteran who may or may not be. We need a part time case manager. They can meet with the Veteran and get the necessary documents and get them hooked up with services.

Mr. Dettelbach asked what is the process St. Elizabeth's does.

Mr. Hughes said it is the same as he is describing.

Chair Calvert asked how do you see this person working. Do you see this person being there at night to identify them.

Mr. Chavez asked how are they going to identify them as a Veteran if they don't have their paperwork.

Mr. Hughes explained that people come in at night. This person will work a couple of nights a week to do assessment. If they find out they don't have their paperwork they would process paperwork during the day.

Ms. Reiners said what he is talking about is we rank individuals. The reality is that 60% of them have their DD214. Once the VA wakes up in the morning they verify if they are Veterans. We make contact, and put them on the list and find a way to contact them. We offer services and once they are verified as a Veteran we go to Veteran Services. A part time, on call person can do that.

Mr. Dettelbach asked if they are a Veteran what happens.

Ms. Reiners said we rank them and identify what services are available.

Mr. Dettelbach asked if he is a Veteran does he come back tomorrow and take a bed.

Chair Calvert said yes, and if they want help to find more permanent housing they get it.

Ms. Reiners said we make contact and put them in a database. That is the objective.

Mr. Chavez said for a long term program.

Mr. Hughes said we are talking about hiring a part time person to find Veterans.

Chair Calvert said to fulfill the short term need.

Mr. Hughes said and long term housing if they want it.

Ms. Reiners said the ultimate goal is permanent housing.

Mr. Dettelbach said if they are not a shelter sleeper can you send people to this person to get into the housing program.

Mr. Hughes said yes.

Chair Calvert said he thought you were talking about emergency shelter.

Mr. Hughes said that was a different thing. He was thinking some of the emergency funds could be used for motels.

Mr. Scargall asked would there be a way that this could be an introductory way to bring in the VIC. We utilize your structure.

Mr. Hughes said this is to move people up to the VIC structure.

Mr. Chavez said it might as well be a part time person through the Veterans Integration Center.

Mr. Hughes said it has to be the Interfaith Shelter because that is where the people are that we need to identify.

Ms. Reiners said there are some people who will go to shelters, where the VIC works with hotels to put them in.

Mr. Hughes asked so we can use your funds for emergencies but have a staff person in Santa Fe.

Ms. Reiners said yes.

Ms. Rodriguez asked what are the requirements for the position.

Ms. Reiners said computer skills, training and confidentiality agreements.

Mr. Dettelbach asked is there an administrative process to verify that they are accessible to a housing program.

Mr. Scargall said if Hank thinks this is the best use of the \$10,000, Elinor would you be willing to hire the person and identify and train the person to met the need.

Ms. Reiners said yes, we could do that.

Mr. Chavez asked if you hired someone to work there they could work through your system.

Ms. Reiners said yes, they would be on our system.

Mr. Hughes said we work with the VIC all the time but we don't have enough staff to do it.

Chair Calvert asked do we envision this person is going to be there on a regular basis or on call.

Ms. Reiners said the best thing would be to put someone on a part time status and put them on call so they are available when the need is identified.

Mr. Dettelbach said it is important that we lay it out and say what the objectives are.

Ms. Reiners said you allocate funding for supporting Veterans.

Mr. Dettelbach said if we don't have the stats to prove we are using our money wisely to show to the Council we could be in trouble. I am all for it.

Chair Calvert said you two bring us a formal proposal for the next meeting and we will have it on the agenda. Iron out the details and a tracking system.

Mr. Hughes said for more than \$10,000.

Mr. Scargall said let's open it up

Chair Calvert said bring us a proposal with the budget in mind and if it satisfies the need. If we need to move money we can look at that.

Mr. Chavez said the second part of this is bringing the VIC to Santa Fe. He needs some pull to figure out how to break the ice to get the VIC here. The Board of the University of Art and Design are for it.

Mr. Hughes asked are you saying a transitional program for Veterans with

services.

Chair Calvert said from the City point of view, he does not think the City would have a problem with it but we would have to amend the lease with the University. It says for educational purposes now. The University might want the City to exempt this property from the lease. The City is not in the position to do that. The lease is covering the note. If the property gets turned back to the City the note is not covered.

Mr. Chavez said we proposed they lease the property to the VIC.

Ms. Reiners said we need to have the property identified to pitch it to the Board. We have funders for Santa Fe. We need to prove there is a homeless population here. I have that piece but need commitment on the property. She is confident that dental can come up with some funding.

Chair Calvert said the property is under the control of the University.

Mr. Chavez said the Board of the University is not sure about homeless Veterans. They are hesitant. We need to go make a presentation to them.

Ms. Reiners said if they give the property back to the City and the City lets us lease the property that would work.

Chair Calvert said the easiest way is for them to sub lease property to you. The City does not want that. He does not think the City wants to be involved with that right now.

Mr. Sanchez said he will work with them on that.

Chair Calvert said he will be glad to work on amending the lease for the use.

Mr. Hughes asked how many units would there be.

Ms. Reiners said ten units.

Chair Calvert said the President of the University is leaving and a new person is coming in.

Mr. Chavez said they have helped us in the past with events.

Chair Calvert said it needs to be located as separate as possible and as confined as possible. He will look into it and see who is on Board and see what we can get going.

Ms. Reiners said just get me into talk to them.

Chair Calvert said send me something about what has happened so far.

Mr. Hughes said call it transitional housing instead of a shelter. That scares people.

F. HOUSING FAIR

Mr. Dettelbach left the meeting.

Mr. Scargall said he and Dorothy had a great meeting with the Housing Trust. We talked about Veterans housing. The concept is building dormitories at the Santa Fe Community College. It could take ten years. We want to start conversation. We need to have a Veterans housing forum in this community. We will include emergency housing, apartment navigation, using a Veterans home loan and Home Wise. The City has an Ordinance where if a Veteran exceeds minimum wage they still qualify for low income housing. We received some funds to host this. It will be April 21st from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We will have people there to help people. Experts. We will talk about long term solutions like dormitories at the College.

Chair Calvert said so the forum will discuss the spectrum of housing issues.

Mr. Scargall said yes. Back to the marketing budget. Is this something we can allocate funding to so the Board can be a sponsor.

Chair Calvert said in a recent magazine article, it talked about a set aside of housing units for homelessness or the disabled and reserving spaces for Veterans.

Mr. Scargall said you should give Dorothy credit for that.

Chair Calvert said the Housing Trust, Home Wise and the Civic Housing Authority should be sponsors.

Mr. Scargall said we want to educate our community.

Chair Calvert said put it in the plan for next time. We can talk about it.

G. ATTENDANCE REPORT

Chair Calvert said he has this on the agenda because we have people who want to be on the Board and we have those who are on the Board who are not attending. There is only one person that he needs to have a conversation with. He has three unexcused absences. He is going to offer him an easy out option.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. PURPLE HEART/DISABLED PARKING SPACES

Chair Calvert said Hannah is not here so we will discuss this next time.

B. UPDATE ON SFCC FOUNDATION

Mr. Scargall said he is working on the \$18,000 for the Veteran's scholarships and the foundation is going to match the funds. When we get the check deposited in March we are going to want to bring in a big check and bring in the Mayor and have a picture moment and publicize that we are starting that scholarship program. We can put out a call out for funds in April and award the first scholarships in the fall semester.

C. RECREATION UPDATE/MARTY SANCHEZ

Chair Calvert said he asked the City Manager for clarification on this. He did not think Marty Sanchez was included. He is still working on this with the City Manager. He does not see Marty Sanchez in the same vein as the recreation centers. There is no definitive answer yet.

Mr. Sanchez left the meeting.

D. LIFE LINK STATUS/PURPOSE

Chair Calvert said we had a contract with Life Link to do services at the shelter. What exactly are they supposed to be doing. Money from this group was allocated to them by Terry when she was still here.

Mr. Hughes said Life Link does have a caseworker at the shelter but it is not exclusively for Veterans.

Chair Calvert said he asked Chris to bring to us what services they were supposed to provide and where we are in terms of the money. He wants to know if it has run its course.

Mr. Hughes said he would like to know as well.

E. DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE

Chair Calvert said Veterans Day is Monday, February 15th. That is Presidents Day as well. We will be there.

F. VETERANS DATA

Chair Calvert said Mr. Dettelbach has gone so we will continue this to the next meeting

7. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND ADVISORY MEMBERS

Ms. Rodriguez said April 7th there is a job fair at De Vargas mall.

Chair Calvert said on March 4th there will be a celebration of women in the military. He has asked Chris to forward the details to everyone.

Ms. Seaton said a new chapter of Women Veterans of New Mexico is forming in Santa Fe. She and Hannah are part of that.

Chair Calvert said get with Chris and put together a blurb on it and he can email it out to all of us.

8. REPORT FROM STAFF

Chair Calvert said Chris has left the meeting to attend the City Council meeting so there will be no report.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Calvert said the next meeting will be on March 9th.

Ms. Rodriguez asked that she be excused for the meeting on March 9th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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Chris Calvert, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

Proposal for Housing Navigation for Veterans at the Interfaith Shelter in Santa Fe

The Need: There are between 5 and 10 homeless veterans at a time who regularly use the Interfaith Shelter either at night or for daytime services. Over the course of a year there may be as many as 80 self-identified homeless veterans passing through the doors of the Interfaith Shelter. While some of these may not qualify as veterans some portion of them will. Unlike the other programs in Santa Fe that serve homeless people, the Interfaith Shelter has limited case management staff, and so they do not have the capacity to work with these veterans and get them to the various housing programs which the VA and others offer to homeless veterans. Rental assistance money already exists through the VA and Goodwill, but there is a need for someone to help make the connection and help people through the process.

The Proposal: The Santa Fe Veterans Advisory Board should make the \$10,000 it has set aside for housing homeless veterans available to the Interfaith Shelter to hire a part-time housing navigator to work specifically with homeless veterans to walk them through the process and get them into housing. The Interfaith Shelter is very interested in having the funds to hire a part-time housing navigator.

Other Resources: The New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness would likely add some grant funding through its mini-grants program.

Time Frame: The funding would be starting as soon as practical to fund the part-time position for one year. If there is still a need for these services after a year, the Veterans Commission could consider funding it in the future or the Shelter could seek other funding for housing navigation services.

Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness: Our goal is to get to a point where any homeless veteran can be rehoused within 30 days of their seeking assistance. While we have met the goal for anyone who enters Life Link or St. Elizabeth Shelter, we are worried that some homeless veterans who only go to the Interfaith Shelter are falling through the cracks. In order to maintain veteran homelessness at functional zero, we need to have a way to help veterans at the Interfaith Shelter get an assessment and into housing.

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