

WROS Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Date: March 25th, 2024

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Sunset Review Updates

- Bylaws for Advisory Committee, complete
- Adding additional members
 - Inviting new head of VOA, possibly Willie Gordon with Delta Elks
 - May add Stephanie McAntee or Braydon Gear from VA, Dr. Shanahan from Mental Health, Daren Huisjin
- Survey: 103 received, feedback requesting:
 - Legal assistance, physical wellness programs & new social events

Project Updates

- Warrior Flow Yoga
 - First night had 5 attendees, next class is 1/23
 - This offered 2x per month after hours to attract a variety of veterans.
 - Sponsored by MOAA, additional sponsorship, a Grants Booster from Elks
- Comeback Yoga
 - On hold, no instructor available and only interested in rehab level classes.
- VA Pillars of Excellence Award submitted 11/2/2023.
- Expect update @ NASDVA Conference in Alexandria, VA
 - South Carolina won, and Darin was able to make contact with the Director and Operations Manager for their Veteran's One Stop Facility.
- Parking Lot Improvements: Received \$40,615 from VTF to move forward with improvements to the South Parking Lot.
- Trutta Funds for signage: Seeking spending authority, talking to Fast Signs and have renderings

Tenant Updates

- Jamie Robertson was promoted to supervisor
 - Dartisha Henderson started with VOA 1/9
 - Aubree McKinney started with VOA 3/19
- Part-time tenant, Medicare Mentors has elected to move to full-time

Old Business

- Memorabilia for display – seeking donations/loan of items to display.
 - Reorganized storage in order to cycle displays, create engagement.
- Marketing campaign, utilizing Trutta Funds
 - Suggested by Tedi that Trutta is interested in supporting visual.
 - Collect Gear, replicas from storage (Brandon to assist in Spring)
 - Possibly use marketing funds to pay for Facebook Sponsorships
 - New DVA Director, Bruce Cowan officially in new role April 1st

New Business

- State DEERS Operator Brandon De Bruyn has taken Protocol Officer position with DMVA, starting March 25th
 - The vacancy of his position has been sent to HR on 2/8, waiting to post
 - Outreach, DEERS functions, Overrides, WROS Support, etc.
- Veterans Stand Down/Resource Fair @ WROS Friday, April 12th
 - Hosted by WROS, supporting local resources and community groups
 - 14+ resource tables confirmed
- Women's Veteran Tea Retreat @ WROS Saturday, May 4th
- Technology support group: Partner with Jennifer Avery and Brad Flannigan to connect Veterans to accessing their files and documents
 - Also, teach how to avoid scams
 - At NASDVA, met with AARP Fraud division, seeking their support for Stand Down and future events
- Brad: Future of Technology for Veterans (a training, webinar or Facebook live)
 - Resume help, tech support
- Threat assessment via PD, per Steve Root.
 - Looking into Glass, security measures and building access.

Around the Table Discussion – All

Next meeting: TBD