

## **WROS Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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### **Sunset Review Updates**

- Adding additional members
  - May add Stephanie McAntee or Braydon Gear from VA, Dr. Shanahan from Mental Health, Lou Brackett the ESRG rep
- Survey: 106 received, feedback requesting:
  - Legal assistance, physical wellness programs & new social events
  - Monica will share information on how to capture geocentric information, to support the need for additional DEERS equipment.

### **Project Updates**

- Warrior Flow Yoga

- Offering on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday per month, until need increases
- Sponsored by MOAA, additional sponsorship, a Grants Booster from Elks was approved to continue the program
  - Looking for support to help program reach more individuals
- Comeback Yoga
  - On hold, no instructor available and only interested in rehab level classes.
- 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
- Projector and Sound Improvements to Large Conference Room, bid received and submitted to DMVA for end of year spending approval
- Lactation Room: request from VA staff and VOA due to expectant mothers. Following up with Dominick and Sgt. Major Asad.

### **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**

- Threat assessment via PD, per Steve Root.
  - Sgt. Rob Beagley to perform a security assessment (TBD)
- Brad: Future of Technology for Veterans (a training, webinar or Facebook live)
  - Resume help, tech support
- 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
- Room 129 Odor

- Testing was performed and concluded to not be mold
  - Contacted testing company for next step in remediation

## **New Business**

- Vietnam Veterans Day at Western Slope Vietnam War Memorial on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00am
- DEERS Operator Brandon De Bruyn has taken Protocol Officer position with DMVA, starting March 25<sup>th</sup>
  - The vacancy of his position has been sent to HR on 2/8, waiting to post
    - Outreach, DEERS functions, Overrides, WROS Support, etc.
  - Federal DEERS Operator Sara Baker is still operational, though we cannot currently provide overrides
- Veterans Stand Down/Resource Fair @ WROS Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Hosted by WROS, supporting local resources and community groups
  - 14+ resource tables confirmed
- Women's Veteran Tea Retreat @ WROS Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Partnering with Amy Demenge, State Women Veterans Service Officer
- At NASDVA, met with AARP Fraud division, seeking their support for Stand Down and future events
- POW Table: Per DOD website, a book of faith is optional. In efforts to respect all veterans from all walks of faith, no book is present on display
  - Table now sponsored by Colorado Elks, due to Women's Legion group disbanding.
- 3/20: Met with Habitat for Humanity, learned about their services and establishing a partnership
- 3/21: Met with Brain Injury Alliance, learned about their services and hope to plan future events supporting veterans with TBIs

## **Around the Table Discussion – All**

Emergency Notification System: Need to implement to notify tenants of potentially dangerous situations in common areas or front lobby. Thoughts or suggestions?

- Start with walkie talkies, potentially opt in for an optional app based notification system. Keep it optional.
- Designate a plan for stay in place, return to secure spaces, etc.

In next two months, will be renewing contracted services such as landscaping, cleaning, security system, etc. Should we look at adding or changing any services?

***Next meeting: 5/20/2024***