

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS VETERANS AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD HELD IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL, 1212 AVENUE M, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS ON THE 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018, AT 5:30 P.M.

Members present: Wayne Keen, Fernando Chavez, Leta Reiner, Bill Butler, Robert Tucker, Leigh-Anne Stewart, Terry Batson, Mike Christian, John McManners
Members absent: Tom Fordyce, Liesa Hackett, Shane Loosier, Johnny Holland, Mark Robinson, Joe Whitehead
Guests present: Lt. Col. Joe Contreras, Kevin Glover, Bobby Don Butler, Geanie McManners, Oscar De La Toro, Ray Yates, Jose Gonzales, Alysa McCoy

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Wayne Keen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION

The Board met to discuss, hear presentations and/or reports and potentially take action on agenda items.

a. Approve minutes of last meeting - The August 2018 minutes were approved without objection.

b. Hear reports from committee members – Terry Batson gave an update on Patriots Day held September 11th by the American Legion Sam Houston Post 95. Leigh-Anne Stewart reported the American Legion Auxiliary is hosting their annual Chili Cookoff on October 16th.

Fernando Chavez said SHSU will be celebrating Veterans Week in November, noting the *Military Appreciation Day* at the football game November 10 and an Veterans Day ceremony set for 11 a.m. Sunday, November 12. Chavez also announced the Veterans stole ceremony set for 6:30 p.m. November 28th at the Walker Education Building. Bill Butler said *We Are Stronger* garnered awards recently in Colorado.

c. Future items, projects, and proposals. – The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. October 15th.

d. Items of Community Interest –Lt. Colonel Joe Contreras, who is a professor of Military Science with SHSU, said that more cadets are enlisting and improving performance. Ray Yates invited board members to attend and join the Collegiate Veterans Association, which is a group of individuals trying to make a difference in the community by supporting local Veterans in their transition back into life. Kevin Glover introduced himself as a retired National Guard member. Jose Gonzales interviewed board members for a story in the *Houstonian*.

3. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Brenda Poe, Deputy City Secretary