

**April 2, 2018**

**Mayor's Advisory Board on Veterans Affairs Meeting Minutes**

**Call to order: 6:30pm**

**Attendance: (11)**

**Approval of Minutes For February:** Approved (no meeting minutes in March)

**Special Guests:**

1. Mrs. Thelma Mrazak (Knollwood Retirement Home) Discussing CM Brandon Todd's Military Tax Exemption Bill.
2. Mr. Paul Harasty (Knollwood Outreach) Explained Knollwood mission and support for the tax exemption bill.

**April 2019 MOVA Director's Report from Director Elliot J Tommingo:**

- The Mayor's FY20 Budget was released to the public on March 20, 2019. MOVA received a 35% increase including \$200K for VetsRide.
- The MOVA Budget Hearing will be on April 8, 2019.
- MOVA has two new programs. Pathways to Work (25 vets signed up) and the CapitalBikeShare for DC Veterans (96 vets have signed up). More about MOVA events can be found on [ova.dc.gov](http://ova.dc.gov)

**Old Business:**

- Possible Locations for Advisory Board Meetings:
  1. "The Yard" on Capitol Hill/Eastern Market
  2. RYSE Center in Ward 8
  3. UDC Campus (BernieB) by Ft Totten Metro
  4. Knollwood Military Retirement Home
  5. Dominic Ju Office Space at 21<sup>st</sup> and L St NW
  6. Anacostia Art Center
  7. American Legion Post 8 on the Hill
- Board voted on two motions and both carried/passed.
  1. *July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Post 8.*
  2. *Nov 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Knollwood Retirement Home.*
- Committee Reports:
  1. Saif Kahn (Gov Affairs and Policy)- emailed members that want to remain on the committee, only one response. Working with MOVA for routing policy of proposals to Mayoral staff (OPLA).
  2. Dr. Nancy Black (Health)- sending in monthly report.

3. Luke Dier (Homelessness)- Working with DC VetsNow and reviewing their reports.
4. Joe Finnegan (Economic)- He and Paul Harasty met with CM Todd regarding tax bill and other ways to assist DC veterans.

- Annual Report: It was passed/adopted unanimously with amendment.
- Board 2019 Strategy: Since it did not appear on the agenda due to an apparent oversight, it will be considered at a future meeting.

**New Business:**

- Board passed/unanimously adopted with amendment a resolution in support of the Veteran Retirement Income Tax Exclusion Amendment Act of 2019.