



Virtual Commission Meeting

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Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 3 September 2020

1. Roll Call of Commission Members for Establish Quorum:

Mr. J. Greg Jolissaint, Chair
Mr. Jonathan K. Branch, Co-Chair
Mr. Reginald Avery
Mr. Michael Blum
Mr. Steven M. Bolen
Ms. Nafrettifi Griffin
Mr. Michael Griggs
Ms. Kelly Kesler
Mr. Robert Lowell
Mr. Keith McGuire
Mr. Paul Rivers

Acknowledgement of Howard County Government Officials in Attendance:

Ms. Lisa Terry (Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families [HCOVMF]).

Special Guest(s):

Others in Attendance:

2. Meeting Opened

Meeting Chair will lead attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance (*everyone except the Chair should mute their microphones*)



3. Reminders of Virtual Meeting etiquette

4. Consideration of the August 2020 Meeting Minutes

5. Presentation by Invited Guests?

6. Old Business

a. Update from the Commission's Subcommittee on Equity and Racial Justice (Jonathan Branch):

Subcommittee members: Mr. Branch (Chair), Mr. Avery, Mr. Blum, Mr. Gillette, Ms. Kesler, Mr. Lowell, Mr. Rivers, and Ms. Terry.

b. Exploratory Committee to Investigate the Feasibility of Building a Veterans Home in Howard County (Mike Blum):

c. Update on Veterans Support Group (Paul Rivers, Kelly Kesler, Lisa Terry):

d. Feedback on August VAMHCS Meeting (Steve Bolen):

e. Update on Veterans Day Presentations in HoCo Schools: The Commission Chair will ask Commissioner Avery to pick up this project now that Robert Moore is no longer serving on the Commission.

f. Update on MHFA Proposal to the FMA Foundation Board (John Way):

g. Report on Colonel Schott's Birthday Parade and Celebration (Paul Rivers and Ed Hall):

h. Update on Virtual Veterans Connections thru Office of Aging and Independence (Lisa Terry):

7. Business "On Hold"

a. Columbia Lake Monument completion; fundraising for the monument; dedication ceremony

b. Howard County School Level Buddy Program for incoming military family members

8. New Business



- a. Veterans Day Planning (John Spain)
- b. Howard County Joint Military Council (JMC) significant items (Ed Hall)
- c. New business from Commission Members (Greg Jolissaint)
- d. Comments or requests for other meeting attendees (Greg Jolissaint)

9. Announcements and Events of Importance

10. Next Commission Meeting Date(s)

- a. Thursday October 1; Thursday November 5; Thursday December 3

11. Adjournment