



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE VETERANS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:00 PM

Little Elm Town Hall

100 W Eldorado Parkway, Little Elm, TX 75068

1. **Roll Call/Call to Order Veterans Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**
 - A. Invocation.
 - B. Pledge to Flags.
 - C. **Presentation of Monthly Updates.**
Updates on research, programming, and events put on by the Veterans Committee.
2. **Public Comments**
Persons may address the Veterans Committee on any issue. This is the appropriate time for citizens to address the Committee on any concern whether on this agenda or not. In accordance with the State of Texas Open Meeting Act, the council may not comment or deliberate such statements during this period, except as authorized by Section 551.007, Texas Government Code.
3. **Regular Items.**
 - A. Consider Action to **Approve the Minutes from the December 10, 2024 Veterans Committee Meeting.**

4. **Workshop.**
 - A. Discuss **Humana**.
 - B. Discuss the **Purchase of a Canopy for Future Events**.
 - C. Discuss **Future Events**.
 - D. Discuss the **Future of the Veterans Committee**.
5. **Items to be Discussed on a Future Agenda.**
6. **Adjourn.**

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meeting Act, (Chapter 551, Texas Government Code), one or more of the above items will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive closed session.

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aide of service such as interpreters for the hearing impaired, reader or large print are requested to contact the secretary at 214-975-0452 two days prior to the meeting so appropriate arrangements can be made.
BRAILLE IS NOT PROVIDED.

Respectfully,

Town Secretary

This is to certify that the above notice was posted on the Town's website this 5 day of February 2025 before 5:00 p.m.



Date: 02/11/2025
Agenda Item #: 3. A.
Staff Contact: Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Consider Action to **Approve the Minutes from the December 10, 2024 Veterans Committee Meeting.**

DESCRIPTION:

The minutes are attached for approval.

Attachments

Minutes - December 10, 2024

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Minutes
Town of Little Elm
100 W Eldorado Parkway
Little Elm, Texas 75068
214-975-0404
<http://www.littleelm.org>

REGULAR VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2024 - 5:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Watts; Joselyn Passerelle; Charles Losiewicz; Michael Kelly; Alecia Smith; Holly Losiewicz; Jaime Garza; Robert Passerelle

Absent: Jason Salsbury

Staff Present: Caitlan Biggs, Director of Administrative Services/Town Secretary
Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager
Tiffany Thomson, Assistant Director of Culture & Engagement
Curtis Cornelious, Mayor
Jamell Johnson, Council Liaison
Matt Mueller, Town Manager

1. Roll Call/Call to Order Veterans Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

A. Invocation.

Mayor Cornelious gave the invocation.

B. Pledge to Flags.

C. Presentation of Monthly Updates.

Updates on research, programming, and events put on by the Veterans Committee.

Tiffany Thomson updated the Committee on their role in choosing winners for the Fire Department annual awards. Caitlan Biggs informed the Committee that they are invited to participate in a Council Strategic Plan focus group on January 13.

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None.

3. Regular Items.

- A. Consider Action to **Approve the Minutes for the October 8, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting.**

Motion by Robert Passerelle, seconded by Michael Kelly **to Approve the Minutes for the October 8, 2024 Regular Veterans Committee Meeting.**

Vote: 7 - 0 - Unanimously

4. Workshop.

- A. Discuss a **Recap of the Veterans Banquet.**

Kate Graham gave a recap of the banquet from the staff side, sharing attendance, financials, and some tips for changes next year. The Committee discussed raising ticket prices and the options for allowing veterans to have cheaper pricing than others. Members of the Committee shared frustrations with the lack of support from the entire group and requested in the future more teamwork to get sponsorships and with day of set up and break down. The Committee also discussed the number of tickets that were comped and lowering that for future years in order to make more money for the event. The Committee agreed to start planning the event and begin reaching out to sponsors earlier next year.

- B. Discuss **Storage Options.**

Committee members Rob and Joselyn Passerelle discussed needing some additional storage space since they are keeping most of the Veterans Committee items at their house. Staff will work with them to provide storage space on Town property.

- C. **Strategic Planning Session to Discuss the Future of the Veterans Committee.**

Town Manager Matt Mueller posed the question to the Committee on if they would be willing to pursue becoming a 501(c)3 nonprofit. He gave an overview of what the partnership with the Town would look like if they proceed this direction. The Committee discussed the commitment level of the current members and if that could sustain a 501(c)3. The Committee discussed if they wanted to scale back their current operations and stay a Town Advisory Board or go full in and pursue becoming a non-profit entity. The Committee also reviewed their current mission and vision statement and discussed if they felt what they are doing currently accomplished this mission. The discussion of how to move forward will continue at next month's meeting after members have more time to think on it.

5. Items to be Discussed on a Future Agenda.

At the January Veterans Committee meeting, the committee would like to discuss dates for the Veterans Fair and continue the discussion on becoming a 501(c)3.

6. Adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully,

Caitlan Biggs

Town Secretary

Passed and Approved this _____ day of _____ 2022.



Date: 02/11/2025

Agenda Item #: 4. A.

Staff Contact: Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss **Humana**.

DESCRIPTION:

A representative from Humana will present on the plans for seniors that the company offers.



Date: 02/11/2025

Agenda Item #: 4. B.

Staff Contact: Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss the **Purchase of a Canopy for Future Events.**

DESCRIPTION:

Discuss color and where logo should be.

Standard 10' Tent 1 sided logo \$539.00

Standard 10' Tent 2 sided logo \$659.00

Standard 10' Tent 4 sided logo - \$789.00

Sand Bags \$20.00-30.00



Date: 02/11/2025

Agenda Item #: 4. C.

Staff Contact: Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss **Future Events**.

DESCRIPTION:

Next Happy Hour will be March 5 at The Elm.

Discuss and choose a date for the Veterans Fair.

Present at an upcoming Union Park Del Webb Veterans Association Meeting.



Date: 02/11/2025

Agenda Item #: 4. D.

Staff Contact: Kate Graham, Assistant to the Town Manager

AGENDA ITEM:

Discuss the **Future of the Veterans Committee.**

DESCRIPTION:

The Committee will continue the discussion from December regarding becoming a 501(c)3 and the future goals of the Committee.
