

LVAC Board Meeting Minutes

MINUTES

August 27, 2025

5:30 PM – 7 PM

**Lafayette
Consolidated
Government Office**

MEETING CHAIR	Andrew Ward
ATTENDEES	Andrew Ward, Kevin Breaux, Stephanie Hanks, Don Reber, Deron Santiny
ABSENT	Gerald Boudreaux, Becky Guidroz
GUESTS	Christina, Dorian, Pascale, Jake, Gena
NOTE TAKER	Kevin Breaux

Agenda topics:

Call to Order

Ward

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to call meeting to order made by __Deron_____. Seconded by __stephonie_____. Motion passed without opposition.
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Approval of Agenda

Ward

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve agenda made by __Don_____. Seconded by __Deron_____. Motion passed without opposition.
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Approval of Minutes

Ward

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve minutes of previous Advisory Board Meeting made by __n/A_____. Seconded by __n/a_____. Motion passed without opposition.
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Reports – Chair and Vice Chair

Ward Breaux

DISCUSSION	<p>Clarification, of working for Parish or City,, Mayor said Parish.</p> <p>Mayor- excited to be here, introduced COS, CAO, Dept. Police Chief Love 4th of July event, touched the mayor. Develop event lanyards for veterans. Help identify veterans for participants to speak to. Commission allows a chance to identify more veteran avenues to assist.</p>
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	<p>Don- appreciative of the development of the council (addressed to Mayor)</p> <p>Andrew- reviewed report format with council to ensure everyone understood our mission and not to work in silos.</p>
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Committee Reports

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DISCUSSION	<p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>By-laws- Don suggested to use Roberts rule of order</p> <p>Christina- said we should change the years to serve to continuous. Change the official office address</p> <p>Don asked if we need to do ethics training, Christina confirmed. And sexual harassment</p> <p>Motion approve bylaws as amended: Stephanie, 2nd by Darren</p> <p>Committee volunteers:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Community Engagement - Andrew, Kevin Legislative - Don, Deron Veteran Services – Ward, Hanks</p> <p>Andrew spoke on Lafayette being a purple heart city, what should we do to expand that? Can we work on purple lighting.</p> <p>Signage in Lafayette identified as Purple Heart City (Near Airport) 5 Signs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion on designs - Who has an example we can use <p>Installed by Aug. 2027 to announce</p>
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	<p>Mirian Gaudin- Constituent proposal to assist with mini homes. (Steph, this is her wheelhouse, all want funding.</p> <p>Can we create a list of 501 C3s</p> <p>Christina, LCG has block grant program and could possibly apply for. Andrew to reach out to Mirian, and see what is moving forward.</p> <p>American Legion 504, ken kamouch (Cloud Anderson) Andrew read letter.</p> <p>Slick (special wheel chairs) Andrew to forward to Larry Williams Stephanie to call Ken kamouch to see about wheel chairs</p>
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New Business	LVAC
DISCUSSION	<p>Golf request to give discounts to Veterans at all Public Golf courses. Andrew read proposal</p> <p>Motion to accepts: Proposal, Don, 2nd by Deron. Christina to ask about</p> <p>Dorian mentioned to add fee to all Parks and rec.</p> <p>Deron to reach out to veteran who sent message about golf.</p> <p>LFT Fiber- Pascal (spoke about veterans and tracking down French veterans to receive French Legion of Honor). Agency taking Louisiana veterans to Normandy. Priority to Normandy veterans. Spoke about James Bolek.</p> <p>Request to make request to name a street after James Bolek. No identified street at this time. Council will research and vet to refer back to Christina.</p>

Public Comment

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<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Stephanie- Commission Proposal, possible veteran breakfast by American Legion. Is MLK center available.</p> <p>Andrew, what is the avenue to get with LCG? Needs to come through Commission and not as individual agency.</p> <p>Andrew, lets be careful not to use commission as leverage for individual agencies.</p> <p>Next meeting Q4- October Wed. 15th 5:30-7:00 City Hall</p> <p>Gena- spoke on massage therapy, Acadian Legal Services, Gave family background of all military members.</p> <p>Free legal services (civil) for veterans. Meet at Ambassador in Lafayette. Have offices all over the state.</p>
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Motion to adjourn made by _Deron_____. Seconded by
_Stephanie_____. Motion passed without opposition. Meeting Adjourned.