

East Providence Veterans Advisory Committee Meeting

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Wednesday March 6, 2024

6pm

Weaver Library

*small conference room

41 Grove Avenue

Agenda

Attendance- Rick Lawson, Tony Ballirano, Brian Pearson, Bill McMahon, Patricia Resendes, Tori Jessop, Matt Vianna

1. Discussion of co-operation between city and Veteran groups. Elk's Veteran Committee will be holding their Expo in May at RMS. We offered our assistance
2. Matt spoke on various legislation he would like to discuss further. Patricia mentioned Sen Lauria would be a good resource to talk with regarding legislation
3. We recapped prior events like the Veterans Appreciation Dinner. We also talked about more social events to get Veterans together
4. We scheduled a Veterans Get Together for Thursday March 28th 6-8pm at Skeff's. I am writing a commentary for the local papers and Tori is creating a digital flyer. I will reach out to various groups for flyers and brochures with Veteran info. Tony please feel free to bring your info. We look at this as a way to not only get Veterans together but to support local businesses.
5. We decided to make our meeting a static date of the first Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be April 4th
6. Tori mentioned outreach to students. We will continue this topic to come up with some ways to do that.
7. Patricia is in the process of hiring a staff member for the city to assist Veterans (among other duties)
8. A general discussion was had on various topics like adding to Veterans Memorial Park. No definitive decisions were made, just general discussion.

As always I thank you for your passion and devotion to honoring and advocating for Veterans, Active Duty, and Military Families