



# City of Green

Central Administration  
Building  
1755 Town Park Blvd.  
PO Box 278  
Green, OH 44232

## Meeting Minutes

### Veterans Advisory Commission

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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### I. Call To Order

Chair Jarrod Suffecool called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### II. Pledge of Allegiance

#### III. Roll Call

**Present** 4 - Commissioner Jarrod Suffecool, Commissioner Mike Hughes, Commissioner Bill Burgess, and Commissioner Carl Mickelson  
**Absent** 1 - Commissioner Christine Sedensky

Also present:

Mike Elkins, City Liaison

Justin Speight, Council Liaison

Nichole Messner, Recording Secretary

#### IV. Approval of Minutes

[TMP-5048](#) Approval of the July 1, 2025 Veterans Advisory Commission Minutes

**Attachments:** [7-1-25 Draft VAC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mickelson, seconded by Commissioner Burgess, to approve the Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Suffecool, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Burgess and Commissioner Mickelson

#### V. Citizen Comments

Brandon Waithe, 1267 Cedar Wood Way, Green OH-

Mr. Waithe reported that they are doing a Veteran Art Walk Event on Sept. 11 at the Summit Art Space behind the Akron Art Museum and they are looking for veteran artists to contribute. He asked the VAC to please spread the word and the event is open to veterans and their families.

#### VI. Unfinished Business

Commissioner Suffecool went over several unfinished business items. He touched on

the Maps Veterans Resource Fair, they would like to have a table however there was other groups willing to share if necessary.

He reported that he would be reaching out to the Green Chamber to get a list of veteran friendly businesses so that they can start promoting them. Would like the chamber to come in to the next VAC meeting.

Commissioner Suffecool asked Liaisons Elkins & Speight about starting a possible veterans sports league at The Core. Possibly basketball. Liaison Elkins will look into it. He asked for an update on budget and funding. Staff still working on this.

Liaison Elkins reminded the Commission to encourage people to nominate an individual to be recognized for Veterans Day.

## **VII. New Business**

Sarah Haring, Community Development Administrator, gave a brief presentation on the 2025-2026 Student Municipal Representative Class.

Valerie Wolford, Communications Manager, went over a few updates. Veteran pricing at The Core. Veterans Day activities- the theme is Service to our Nation and the celebration of the 250th birthday of Army, Navy & Marines. She reported that they would be adding a QR code to the Our Town Newsletter for the VAC.

Commissioner Suffecool inquired about lead-time on flyers, handouts, etc. for events. She reported that the more notice they have the better.

Liaison Elkins reported on a public engagement opportunity- Senior Expo, Sept 4 10-12, if the group is interested they can reach out to Parks Dept. to get a table.

Commissioner Hughes reported that Jake Bowman of Sustainably Fresh, would like to team up with the VAC and Save 22 as an outreach mission. He reported that it teaches urban gardening to veterans, gives them a new sense of purpose and helps with mental health. He plans to have Mr. Bowman attend a VAC meeting to give more detail.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mickelson, seconded by Commissioner Burgess, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Suffecool, Commissioner Hughes, Commissioner Burgess and Commissioner Mickelson

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jarrod Suffecool, Chair

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nichole Messner, MMC, Recording Secretary

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_