

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

**MINUTES**

**Special Committee on Veteran's Services  
Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 7:30 PM  
Via Zoom Conference**

Attendance:

- 1) Sergio Villaverde
- 2) Louis Lopez
- 3) Joy Priveterre
- 4) David Gellman
- 5) Gavin Simmons
- 6) Nick Fazio
- 7) Yolanda Rodriguez
- 8) Julia Gomez
- 9) Laura Spalter

1. 7:35 PM Call to Order
2. Chair reported on meeting with DVS Commissioner and other activity including the Veteran's Treatment Court.
3. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests
4. Presentation of Josephine Herrick Program/ video show and presentation by Yolanda Rodriguez. Group is partially funded for veteran services.
5. Review of Committee commission and goals:

Chair Villaverde expressed that the SCVS will work with standing committees.

Example: Committee Member Joy Priveterre raised the issue of Aging populations.

Nick Fazio spoke of possibilities with Economic Development Committee on several issues of importance to veterans. CB Chair Spalter invited people to speak at different committees. Chair Villaverde thanked CB Chair Spalter for her attendance and support of veteran's issues.

6. Budget priorities

Chair Villaverde spoke of having veteran related priorities.

David Gellman spoke about setting budget priorities during next CB year. Chair expressed desire to have Veteran priorities spread across the standing committees.

7. New Business

- Memorial Grove: CB Chair Spalter discussed the work of Herb Barrett and the restoration of Memorial Grove. We should seek funding to maintain the grove. SCVS will inquire.

- Action item:

Manhattan College SVO (MCSVO) nomination for Irving Ladimer

Community Service Award

Julia Gomez moved to support the nomination of the MCSVO, second by Louis Lopez. Passed by acclamation

8. Adjournment 7:25 PM

Submitted by Sergio Villaverde