

Holyoke Veterans' Home Access, Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Friday September 15th, 2023 at 10 a.m.

MEETING MINUTES

A. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
- Members were reminded that the meeting will be recorded

Confirming Member Access:

- Roll Call:
 - Members present:
 - Marcony Almeida-Barros
 - Karen Courtney
 - John Cruz
 - Bill McAvoy
 - Nicole Obi
 - Michael Rybicki
 - Aisha Miller
 - Members Absent:
 - Jose Bou
 - Colleen Fonseca
 - Jesse Flynn
 - Coleman Nee
 - Mary-dith Tuitt
 - Colton Andrews
 - Rubens Boursiquot
 - Andrea Gayle-Bennett
 - Jesus Pereira

B. **Prisoner of War MIA Day recognition.** Paused to remember and mentioned some ceremonies that will be happening

C. **Commissioner Gladstone retirement announced.** To be replaced by Adam Baacke. Ms. Poppe expressed gratitude for the outgoing commissioner's service and well wish in her retirement.

D. Vote to approve July meeting minutes

- Motion suspended due to lack of quorum. To be voted on at the October 2023 meeting.

E. Recap of ground breaking ceremony. Well attended. Several Dignitaries were in attendance.

- Joe Fazio provided an update on project status
- Project schedule – new schedule presented. Just completed subcontractor procurement. Brief overview of key activities in the near future. Walked members through the new schedule.
- Work In Progress – showed images of earthwork underway. Temp water services. Storm water control. Temporary access road.
- Subcontractor contracts awarded – Ms. Assens presented subcontractor procurement results. Current status of MWBE and VBE participation.
- Workforce report – Ms. Rivera presented current workforce goal report. Workforce diversity strategy questionnaire. PLA Pre-Con Meeting with building trades held two weeks ago. Purpose of the meeting and results and impressions.
- Ongoing outreach – announced upcoming outreach events 11/8 and 11/16. DCAMM/SDO/UMBA events 9/26 and 11/2
- Questions – Nicloe Obi expressed appreciation for transparent data. BECMA will share upcoming meetings with committee members centered around procurement and workforce.

AIDC Committee Questions: Seeing none.

Public Questions: Seeing none.

F. Conclusion

- Reminder: next meeting October 20th, 2023 at 10AM (virtual)
- **Motion to adjourn moved and seconded. 10:28.**