

CITY OF COTTLEVILLE
VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
July 8, 2026

The newly formed Veterans Advisory Committee held a kickoff open house style meeting at Pavilion 1 in Legacy Park seeking members and having a light discussion on goals and objectives. The meeting began at 5:37pm

Mayor Stephen Thompson was present and offered welcoming remarks. City staff in attendance included City Administrator Michael Padella and Amy Lewis, Director of Administrative Services along with Alderman Johnny Gnau, who will serve as the Board of Aldermen's representative to the new Veterans Advisory Committee (VAC).

The meeting included comments and input from members of the public in attendance interested in serving on the Committee, a review of the enabling ordinance establishing the committee, discussion of potential fundraising opportunities, and the possibility of visiting other veterans memorials for ideas and inspiration. It was also noted that committee members are not required to be City residents.

In addition, the committee held an initial discussion regarding its vision and future goals. Brainstorming topics included veteran outreach, educational programs, how to share information with the community, offering an annual veteran appreciation lunch and or ceremony, and other activities to honor and support veterans. It was noted that meetings should be held at least quarterly.

Lastly, discussion was held regarding the committee members appointment process. It was noted that the Veterans Advisory Committee will consist of six appointed members, one Board of Aldermen representative, and City staff support. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Aldermen.

The meeting concluded at approximately 6:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy C. Lewis
Director of Administrative Services
City Clerk, MPCC, CMC, CMO

Approval Date: _____

Mayor Stephen Thompson