

Minutes for the Meeting of City of Hawthorne
Veterans Affairs Commission
January 27, 2020

Meeting Convened: 3:15 pm

- 1) Call to Order
 - ***Commissioner's Present: Lester, Steinhauer, Chair Orlemann***
- 2) Flag Salute, Pledge of Allegiance: ***Commissioner Steinhauer***
- 3) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, the January 13, 2020 Veterans Affairs Commission Agenda was posted at City Hall, 4455 West 126th St., Hawthorne, CA on January 8, 2020 at 12 noon.
- 4) Oral Communications: Patron – Ronnie Madsen let the commission know of Joe Demartini's funeral services at the National Cemetery in West Los Angeles. HE noted that it would be a Full Military Service.
- 5) Written Communications: None
- 6) Approval of Minutes: ***January 13 meeting minutes were approved 3-0 with motion by Commissioner Steinhauer, seconded by Chair Orlemann.***
- 7) Commission's Discussion/Action Items
 - Status Update on Housing project
 - i. Century Housing was approved unanimously on 1/14/2020
 - Planning for Veterans Benefits Day 2020
 - i. Chair Orlemann made executive decision to change the verbiage on the flyer. Commissioner Lester protested stating he did not agree with the change. Chair Orlemann said the timeframe to get flyers was too tight which is why she made the decision and that the word "Resource" is a better fit for the type of presenters that will be there. Commissioner Lester recommended "Resource and Benefit." Chair Orlemann will contact the flyer designer and get the verbiage adjusted.
 - ii. No confirmation from In-N-Out as of 1/27/2020 to provide food for event.
 - Budget Review and Update
 - i. No new update in regards to the reconciliation with "Hope is Helping" and South County Labor donation
 - Funds to be deposited to the City's account
 - Stipend payment – Christine Tomikawa (HR Director) let the commission know that payments were in process
 - Website and technical Responsibilities
 - i. On Hold
 - Open Business
 - i. Meetings Update: Chair Orlemann spoke about presentations she attended recently in regards to PTSD and Mindful Warrior Project – suggested these type of presentations for Hawthorne – Spoke to Hawthorne Police Department and gauged interest in doing a presentation for the officers.
 - ii. Commissioner Lester recommended tailoring presentations towards younger vets

○ Dr. Nellman who was seated in the audience, suggested “MWR” to be more geared towards younger vets.

8) Adjournment: 4:54 pm