

**Minutes for the Meeting of City of Hawthorne**  
**Veterans Affairs Commission**  
**June 17, 2019**

**Meeting Convened: 3:18 P.M.**

- 1) Call to Order
  - ***Commissioner's Present: Lester, Moreno, Steinhauer, Robilotta, Chair Orlemann;***
- 2) Flag Salute, Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, the June 17, 2019 Veterans Affairs Commission Agenda was posted at City Hall, 4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> St., Hawthorne, CA on June 12, 2019 at 12 noon.
- 4) Oral Communications:
  - ***Chair Orlemann provided background on the City Council motion involving the City donation of a 1-acre property on Cordary Avenue for use as a veteran's complex. She also introduced guests Sterling and Tova Barber, of Veterans Advocacy Group of America, Kristine Stanley of US Vets, and Tess Banko of the UCLA Family Wellness Center.***
  - ***Each guest presented viewpoints and suggestions on the best possible uses of the land to benefit veterans, with a focus on women veterans. There was also discussion on potential use for day-care, 24-hour operations and retail development***
  - ***Chair Orlemann also mentioned interest by Century Housing in 2016 and the possible interest in this project as it develops. The initial plans showed a development of 28 housing units.***
  - ***There was also discussion about whether the property could be expanded by another ½ acre, which may be available.***
- 5) Written Communications: ***None***
- 6) Approval of Minutes: ***The April 22, May 6 and May 20 meeting minutes were approved, and motioned by Commissioner Lester and seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer***
- 7) Commission's Discussion/Action Items
  - Next steps for commission regarding events and activities
    - i. ***This topic was deferred to a later meeting. Commissioner Orlemann was canvassing possible locations for the October 5 Town Hall.***
  - Follow up, Continuing Actions
    - i. ***The Coliseum naming issue was resolved with the new name being "United Airlines Field at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Supervisor Hahn has invited veterans to a ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov 11. Details to follow.***
  - Budget Review and Update
    - i. Solicitation update; reconciliation with "Hope is Helping" – ***awaiting opening a new***

***account due to hacking***

- ii. City commission non-profit plan – ***approved per discussion with the City Attorney; additional details to be discussed at the next meeting***
  
- o Outreach Databases; Admin Strategy
  - i. ***All background materials, templates, lists and other recurring information was passed from Secretary Gafney to Commissioner Moreno***
  
- o Open Business
  - i. ***Discussion for the balance of the meeting was focused on the land donation and potential uses and benefits. Presentations by the Barber Group, Ms. Stanley and Ms. Banko, all recognized and qualified veterans’ experts, felt a women’s focus was the best direction.***
  - ii. ***After additional discussion, it was determined women, with children would be the best housing option and most appealing utilization, supported by day care, preferably 24-hour day care.***
  - iii. ***This direction and approach will be discussed in future meetings and vetted against other inputs and any restrictions based on funding sources.***
  - iv. ***Next meeting: July 1, based on quorum***

8) Adjournment: 4:46 p.m.