

**Minutes for the Meeting of City of Hawthorne**  
**Veterans Affairs Commission**  
**September 9, 2019**

**Meeting Convened: 3:16 P.M.**

- 1) Call to Order
  - ***Commissioner's Present: Moreno, Robilotta, Chair Orlemann***
  - ***Commissioner Absent: Lester, Steinhauer***
- 2) Flag Salute, Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, the September 9, 2019 Veterans Affairs Commission Agenda was posted at City Hall, 4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> St., Hawthorne, CA on September 4, 2019 at 12 noon.
- 4) Oral Communications:
  - ***Ronnie Madsen spoke of his church donation of T-shirts for veterans and asked to ensure that St. George's Church was recognized in support of veterans.***
- 5) Written Communications:
  - ***Chair Orlemann indicated she had communication with Brian D 'Andrea of Century Housing and he may be resubmitting plans for the city donated lot for veteran housing.***
- 6) Approval of Minutes: ***The August 26 meeting minutes were approved, and motioned by Commissioner Moreno and seconded by Commissioner Robilotta; passed 3-0***
- 7) Commission's Discussion/Action Items
  - Discussion of Hawthorne Veteran Housing related to Council approval of city-owned land
    - i. ***Discussion involving the housing initiative was led by Chair Orlemann and based on her knowledge, she suspected that the city was re-thinking plans for the housing; likely considering a developer effort rather than a DIY project by the city.***
    - ii. ***Since this was unconfirmed and no attendees from SME groups were on hand to validate or offer any updates, the Commission adopted a wait-and-see approach to further discussion on the topic.***
    - iii. ***There was no knowledge of SME attendance at the following night's Council meeting and further recommendations were deferred to the next meeting and clarification of city approach on the project.***
  - Budget Review and Update
    - i. Solicitation update; reconciliation with "Hope is Helping"
      - ***Secretary Gafney had met with Pat Donaldson earlier on the 9<sup>th</sup> and received the balance of \$368 (cash) for use in pending Commission expenses. At this point there was no outstanding cash being held by Hope is Helping, and they have not opened a new account.***
      - ***Ms. Donaldson was aware of the donation forthcoming from South County Labor Board and upon receipt was planning to remit the donation to Secretary Gafney***
      - ***Sec. Gafney paid Chair Orlemann \$200 (cash) for expenses incurred for***

***National Night out and leftover from 2018 Veterans Day. He was awaiting a receipt from Integrity Products for a \$107 invoice from January to itemize the exact charges, and to determine further payment due to Chair Orlemann.***

- ***Sec. Gafney provided a detailed spreadsheet outlining the receipts and expenses as part of maintaining accuracy of funds received and disbursed.***

- Website and technical Responsibilities
  - i. ***Further discussion on alternate “general purpose” use email addresses and replies to HVAC emails were deferred to a future meeting.***
- Open Business
  - i. ***Sec. Gafney highlighted the CVEB meeting that had occurred the prior week and the direction and approach being taken to keep the CVEB relevant. There will be no September CVEB meeting while certain Board members strategize about direction and future of the CVEB.***
  - ii. ***Chair Orlemann asked if there were any volunteers identified for Veteran-of-the-quarter. Sec. Gafney mentioned his departure around 18 December and could be considered as a candidate for VOTQ. Further discussion was deferred for future meetings.***
  - iii. ***The Commission will meet September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and then revert back to the regular posted schedule with the first and third Monday’s in October.***

8) Adjournment: 4:18 p.m.