

**Minutes for the Meeting of City of Hawthorne**  
**Veterans Affairs Commission**  
**December 16, 2019**

**Meeting Convened: 3:16 pm**

- 1) Call to Order
  - ***Commissioner's Present: Lester, Moreno, Steinhauer, Chair Orlemann***
  - ***Commissioner Robilotta absent***
- 2) Flag Salute, Pledge of Allegiance: ***Commissioner Moreno***
- 3) Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.3, the December 16, 2019 Veterans Affairs Commission Agenda was posted at City Hall, 4455 West 126<sup>th</sup> St., Hawthorne, CA on December 12, 2019 at 12 noon.
- 4) Oral Communications: None
- 5) Written Communications: None
- 6) Approval of Minutes: ***The December 2 meeting minutes were deferred to the Jan. 13 meeting.***
- 7) Commission's Discussion/Action Items
  - Status Update on Housing project
    - i. Upon review of all bids received the City Council awarded the Veterans Housing project to Century Housing. Representative Gilbert Gonzalez discussed the project, and outlined it will be 1-3 bedrooms, to allow veterans to transition. There will be 9 @1 BR - 600 ft<sup>2</sup>, 7 @2 BR - 700 ft<sup>2</sup>, and 2 @3BR - 1050 ft<sup>2</sup> using R3 zoning.
    - ii. Target audience is low income, at-risk veterans (formerly homeless)
    - iii. The total development will be 2 story, 19720 ft<sup>2</sup>, <60% lot coverage, with 24 parking spaces). It will include a community room, laundry, lobby and property manager. Income stipulations are projected to be:
      - 9 units @30% AMI; 6 units @50% AMI; 3 units @60% AMI (LA AMI is \$69.3K).
    - iv. Timeline is 100% leased by December 2023.
    - v. New Planning Director hired by the City and will be invited to future meetings
  - Planning for Veterans Benefits Day 2020
    - i. Confirmed for Saturday, April 18; Century Housing to be keynote speaker.
    - ii. Job Fair under consideration; In-n-Out request submitted, not confirmed.
  - Budget Review and Update
    - i. Sec. Gafney to prepare and distribute stipend worksheet and submittal to finance.
    - ii. Budget spreadsheet update and collection of \$500 South Cty Labor check from HIH.
  - Website and technical Responsibilities
    - i. Social media/website coordinator still open – discussion deferred to future meeting.
  - Open Business
    - i. Discussion on hosting County Veterans Commission for their May meeting
    - ii. Sec. Gafney announced he resigned from the County Veterans Engagement Board
    - iii. The Commission will continue to brainstorm veteran recognition ideas at the MC.
    - iv. The next meetings will be Jan 13 and Jan 27.
- 8) Adjournment: 4:42 p.m.