

CITY OF HAWTHORNE  
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
FOR THE MEETING OF  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018 - 3:15 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
4455 WEST 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET, HAWTHORNE, CA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioner Leon, Lester, Orlemann, and Chairman Gafney.  
Absent: Commissioner Steinhauer

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Gafney.

4. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the January 8, 2018 Veterans Affairs Commission Agenda was posted at City Hall, 4455 W. 126<sup>th</sup> Street at 12:00 p.m., on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

a. For the Meeting on November 6, 2017

Commissioner Lester motioned, seconded by Commissioner Leon to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 6, 2017. All commissioners present voted yes. Motion approved.

b. For the Meeting on December 18, 2017

Commissioner Lester motioned, seconded by Commissioner Leon to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 6, 2017. All commissioners present voted yes. Motion approved.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS.

a. None

7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS.

a. None

8. COMMISSION'S DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

a. Veterans Day Event Pre-Planning

- discussion on dates and venue – tentative date 11/10 Evening event:7-10pm
  - i. Venue – Memorial Center in Sun Room or Dana Middle School
  - ii. Contact Kywana to reserve the date 11/10
- consideration of use of Marriott
  - i. Look into this option closer to April/June once the project is complete.
- file applications and confirm city role and support

b. Mid -Year Veterans Event

- Location and weekday vs. weekend
  - i. Location Memorial Center – possible date 4/28 10am start
- advertising/communication
- DAV benefit presentation (Adam Barnes, pending availability)
- VA presentation (TBD)
- UCLA program presentation (Tess Banko)
- VA Cemetery (Tom Ruck)
- VSO's (VVA, AL, VFW)

c. Budget Review

- donations and expenses review
- allocation of funds for specific purposes
- reconciliation with "Hope is for Helping"

d. Veterans Foundation

- update and plan of action
- required funding
- officers suggested (and did they attend)
- advice from Parks Commission Foundation (Dick Hugh)

- e. VOTQ pipeline:
  - possibilities: John Jefferson's wife; Bill Schultz, Shofani (Vet owned business - Le Pain); Adam Barnes
  - Iconic candidate for next Veterans Day
  - advertise VOTQ before the event
- f. Veteran Database
  - status update
  - using Next Door as solicitation tool
- g. Open Business
  - planning for another DAV event as part of a larger event
  - CVEB reminder/County Commissioner meeting reminder
  - update on Veterans Discounts
  - Rental MOU with LA AFB

9. COMMISSIONERS REPORT/RECOMMENDATIONS

10. ADJOURNMENT