



CITY OF HAWTHORNE

4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250

VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Erika Lampkin, Human Resources Director
Lori Thomas, Human Resources Analyst
Sgt. Jose Saldana

Chair Kyle Orlemann
Commissioner Daniel Lucero
Commissioner Faye Johnson
Commissioner Stephen Nellman
Commissioner Carol Steinhauer

CITY OF HAWTHORNE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMISSION Meeting Minutes - February 6, 2023

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON THURSDAY, March 2, 2023 AT 4:00PM.

Chairperson Orlemann called the Veteran's Commission meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Roll Call: Four members present

Present: Chairperson Kyle Orlemann, Commissioners Carol Steinhauer, Stephen Nellman, Faye Johnson

Staff Present: Erika Lampkin, HR Director & Sgt. Jose Saldana

Absent: Commissioner Daniel Lucero

Flag – Commissioner Kyle Orlemann led the flag salute.

- 1) Oral Communication:** Kyle Orlemann introduced Christina Rheingold who is a program manager for Veteran Peer Access Network (VPAN). Rheingold gave a short brief on the opening of their new office located at 5155 Rosecrans Ave Hawthorne.

Written Communications: Commissioner Kyle Orlemann passed out two fliers for CDCE events. One was for a Valentine's dance on February 10, 2023 at the VA West LA Campus. The second for a Salute to Veteran Patients on February 14, 2023 at South Central Elks Lodge.

- 2) Approval of Minutes** – Meeting of January 9, 2023

Moved to approve with corrections by Commissioner Steinhauer/ 2nd by Commission Nellman

Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Nellman, Orlemann, Steinhauer

Corrections:

Change date to February 6th at the bottom of minutes

Add that Commission voted to postpone elections.

- 3) Commissioners' Discussion/Action Items**

- A. Agenda Set-up** – Commissioner Johnson moved to postpone agenda setup until next meeting. Commissioner Nellman second

- B. *Review Charter and Mission*- Erika to find out if commission can change the mission statement and find out the process.
- C. *Facebook/Website*
- Per Commissioner Nellman Facebook would need the city to reactivate the email address that created the Facebook page and send Facebook an email using that email address or have the city cancel the old Commissions Facebook page and start a new one.
 - Website- Add a tab under Department and community Services and change the tab name to "Veterans Services"
- D. *Events/Outreach*
- Event at the Memorial Center cancelled.
 - Next meeting will have a presentation on VA Claims process
- E. Elections-Postponed until next meeting.
- F. Updates
- WLA VA Masterplan – there are 3 buildings that are opening
 - Compact Act Organization will help suicidal veterans regardless of discharge status

Commissioner Reports/ Recommendations

Chairperson Orlemann adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm. The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2023 at 4:00pm.