

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Erika Lampkin, Human Resources Director
Jose Saldana, Police Sergeant



4455 W. 126th Street, Hawthorne, CA 90250

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

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DATE May 1, 2023

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON THURSDAY, June 1, 2023 AT 4:00PM.

Chairperson Johnson called the Veteran's Commission meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Roll Call: Four members present

Present: Chairperson Faye Johnson, Commissioners Daniel Lucero, Stephen Nellman, Kyle Orlemann

Absent: Commissioner Carol Steinhauer

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

Flag – Commissioner Lucero led the flag salute.

1) Oral Communication: None

2) Written Communications: None

3) Approval of Minutes – Meeting of March 6, 2023

Commissioner Orlemann called for 2 corrections on minutes.

After corrections, Moved to approve by Commissioner Orlemann; 2nd by Commissioner Nellman

Abstains from vote: Commissioner Lucero

Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Orlemann, Nellman

4) Secretary's Report

- Access was gained to Facebook account. We still need to check who it is linked to.
- Updates were made to the webpage. Please review the changes.

5) Commissioners' Discussion/Action Items

A. M. Decker was not available to come in to speak today.

B. Commissioners will review the website and bring back any feedback for discussion.

C. It did not happen in April. We need a new date for both the American Legion and VFW. Orlemann suggested that there may be a Brown Act issue if all were present and that may be on two commissioners go. Erika informed commissioners that as long as they were not discussing commission business or agenda items it would be okay for all to attend.

Additionally, Commissioners were encouraged not to all sit together or stand together so as not to create a quorum.

Orlemann suggested that they attend the Memorial Day event on May 29th and perhaps set up a table.

Proposed dates for VFW Social Event will be May 12th and May 26th will be a backup date.

D. City Council Brief - Orlemann

- Commissioners Orlemann and Steinhauer are termed out and could possibly be replaced once new commissioners are selected
- Vice Chair will take over Chair in January 2024

E. Veterans Fraud Alert – table until

F. PACT Act Literature – tabled until

6) Commissioner Reports/Recommendations

Orlemann - will send LA Vets collaboration information.

Nellman – School Board will recognize students enrolled in military on May 9th.

Lucero - Motivational and Educational Speaker Frank Rubio

- Speaker is an Astronaut and West Point Graduate
- Commissioner Lucero to provide possible dates for presentation Nov 2023
- Erika to check for rooms at The Betty Ainsworth Center
- Motion to approve by Commissioner Nellman/Second by Commissioner Johnson

Johnson

- Commissioner Johnson will update Veterans Affairs brochure.
- Commissioner Orlemann to bring in photographs to possibly add to flyer
- Commissioners Orlemann and Johnson to meet with Sam English to Inventory VA Commission Property.

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:54pm. The next meeting will be held on June 5, 2023 at 4:00pm.