

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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Meeting Minutes DATE June 5, 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 4:07pm.

Roll Call: Five members present

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

Absent: NA

Staff Present: Sgt Saldana, Erika Lampkin/HR Director & Michael Gonzalez/HR Analyst

Flag – Commissioner Lucero led the flag salute.

- 1) **Oral Communication: None**
- 2) **Written Communications: None**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** – Meeting of May 1, 2023

Moved to approve by Commissioner Orlemann; 2nd by Commissioner Nellman
Abstains from vote: Commissioner Lucero
Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Lucero, Nellman

- 4) **Secretary's Report**
 - Nothing to report
- 5) **Guest Speaker**

VA Outreach coordinator Alvin Payne provided a benefits briefing for veterans

Commissioner Lucero Proposed to add link of the brief on the VA website and the FB account.

Moved to approve by Commissioner Lucero; 2nd by Commissioner Orlemann
Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Lucero, Nellman, Orlemann

6) Commissioners' Discussion/Action Items

- A. Chairperson Johnson discussed LA Air Force Housing Memo resolution #7965 which opens to the forefront for housing to active duty military personnel. Proposed ideas are for landlords to offer no lease, low deposit and other possible benefits. Need to solicit participation from landlords in Hawthorne and possible connection with HUD Housing.

Benefits to landlords would be free advertising on military bases and the ability to call the military members command if problems arise.

Moved to approve by Chairperson Johnson; 2nd by Commissioner Lucero
Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Lucero, Nellman, Orlemann

- B. Veterans Affairs Website: Erika Lampkin requested that the commission review the website and email changes and corrections to the city.
- C. Facebook Access: No access yet.
- D. Outreach: Future meet and greets at American Legion and VFW.
American Legion best times: Dodgers and Angels games or NBA Games
VFW proposed time: June 12th or for their breakfast event on June 16th
Or at their fireworks stand that will run from 6/28 thru 7/4

Memorial Day event went well. VA Affairs Committee Wreath was placed at event.

- E. Motivational and Educational Speaker Frank Rubio:

Proposed date is October 27 and Nov 19th as backup date

Commissioner Lucero in communication with NASA regarding the event
Daytime event will be exclusive for Centinela Valley School district students
Motivational speech to encourage students to public service
Night time event will be for Hawthorne Residents at Betty Ainsworth Center
Meet and Greet with Hawthorne Citizens

West Point Society to pay for travel

Deputy under the Secretary of the Army Mario Diaz is interested in attending event.

- F. Commissioner Orlemann nominated to a federal oversight committee

7) Commissioner Reports/Recommendations

Steinhauer- PACT ACT Open enrollment

Long Beach VA looking for veteran caretakers. Info at (562) 480-7680

Orlemann – Federal Oversight board will be June 21 thru June 22nd at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall

Lucero- Proposed that the next VA Commission meeting be moved to July 17th instead of July 3rd

Moved to approve by Commissioner Lucero; 2nd by Chairperson Johnson

Yes Votes – Commissioners Johnson, Steinhauer, Lucero, Nellman, Orlemann

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:54pm.

The next meeting will be held on July 17th, 2023 at 4:00pm.