

# 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 November 6, 2023

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126<sup>TH</sup> STREET ON THURSDAY, September 28, 2023 AT 4:00 PM.

Vice–Chair Nellman called the Veteran’s Commission meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

#### **Roll Call: Four members present**

**Present:** Vice-Chair Nellman, Commissioners Daniel Lucero, Kyle Orlemann, Carol Steinhauer

**Absent: Chairperson Johnson**

**Staff Present:** Erika Lampkin, Director of Human Resources

**Staff Absent:** Lt. Jose Saldana

**Flag** – Vice-Chair Nellman led the flag salute.

**1) Oral Communication: None**

**2) Written Communications: None**

**3) Approval of Minutes** – Meeting of October 2, 2023

Moved to approve by Vice-Chair Nellman; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Orlemann

Yes Votes – Commissioners Nellman, Steinhauer, Orlemann and Lucero

**Approval of Minutes** – Meeting of October 9, 2023

Moved to approve by Vice-Chair Nellman; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Orlemann

Yes Votes – Commissioners Nellman, Steinhauer, Orlemann

Lucero abstained as he was not present on October 9, 2023

**4) Staff Secretary Report**

None

## 5) Commissioner Discussion/Action Items

### A. Webpage Review

- Commissioner Orlemann has some discussion items. It was suggested it should be discussed when Chairperson Johnson was present as it was her request for feedback

### B. Events/Outreach

- Commissioner Orlemann sent some information via email to share with all Commissioners

### C. Legislative Update

- The Military Suicide rate is noted to have been high but is going down.

### D. Fundraising Strategies

- Commissioner Orlemann has taken the letter to several entities. Blaze Pizza is still willing to host a fundraiser but we need a date.

### E. Military Veterans Name List

- Commissioner Lucero is working on an active duty list and should have an update by the next meeting

### F. Calendar of Events for Commissioner

- Commissioner Orlemann will be attending dinner at Bob Hope Center
- Commissioner Lucero will be working with ROTC Program 11/30 & 12/1
- Commissioner Lucero will be attending Army vs Navy Game 12/9 and the dinner at the VFW on 11/19/23

### G. Veteran Banner Update

- No update

## 6. Commissioners Reports/Recommendations

- Vice-Chair Nellman suggested that get all groups to join the Presidents' Council to help with Veterans Affairs Commission messaging.
- Commissioner Orlemann state that is an award for surviving spouse for 'Vietnam Veterans. She was able to get a few pins. Please let her know if you know anyone who may want one.
- VVA has an Eagle Scout Program has a recognition program and is willing to recognize the Girl Scout equivalent program

Chairperson Nellman adjourned the meeting at 4:42. The next meeting will be held on December 4, 2023 at 4:00pm.