

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Erika Lampkin, Human Resources Director
Jose Saldana, Police Lieutenant



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 December 4, 2024

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON THURSDAY, November 30, 2023 AT 4:00 PM.

Chairperson Johnson called the Veteran's Commission Special meeting to order at 4:03 pm.

Roll Call: All members present

Present: Chairperson Faye Johnson, Vice Chair Nellman, Commissioners Daniel Lucero, Kyle Orlemann, and Carol Steinhauer

Absent: N/A

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

Flag – Vice Chair Nellman led the flag salute.

- 1) **Oral Communication: None**
- 2) **Written Communications: None**
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** –Moved to approve by Commissioner Orlemann. 2nd by Commissioner Steinhauer. Chairperson Johnson and Vice Chair Nellman are in favor of approving.
- 4) **Staff Secretary Report: None**
- 5) **Commissioners' Discussion/Action Items**
 - A. Webpage review: Postponed
 - B. Events/Outreach
 - Presidents Council to be attended by Chairperson Johnson and Vice Chair Nellman on January 9th, 2024 at 11:30
 - VFW Dinner had 40 people attend on Nov 19, 2023
 - Army vs Navy Football Game Dec 9th will be attended by Commissioner Lucero

- C. Legislative Update: None
- D. Fundraising Strategies
 - Maxine Waters committed to providing 10 scholarships for the veteran banner project.
 - Vice Chair Nellman will contact Chevron for fundraising
 - Commissioner Orlemann has a contact at Urban Plates in Manhattan Village, who will donate 20% of the profits from the fundraising towards the veteran banner project. The proposed date will be between January 25th and February 1st.
 - The city will run a commercial on city cable for the veteran banner project. Commissioner Lucero will represent the commission in uniform.
 - Will ask the VFW if the commission could fundraise at their monthly breakfast.
- E. Military and Veterans name list
 - Commissioner Lucero will contact the La Air Force to get a list of Active Duty Personnel
 - Chairperson Johnson will get a list from the VFW
- F. Calendar of Events for Commissioners
 - Presidents Council meeting on January 9th (Johnson/Nellman)
 - Army vs Navy Football game Dec 9th (Lucero)
 - VFW Meeting December 11th (Steinhauer)
 - Vietnam Veterans of America meeting Dec 13th (Orlemann)
 - VFW Santa Clause event Dec 17th (Steinhauer)

6) Commissioner Reports/ Recommendations

- A. New programs for survivor assistance coming up
- B. Veteran Child Care program will be in effect at all VA Hospitals by January 2026
- C. Commissioner requests a meeting with Congresswoman Waters to discuss service academy scholarships.

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:05pm. The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2024 at 4:00pm.