

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Erika Lampkin, Human Resources Director
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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 February 5, 2024

PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54954.3, THE AGENDA WAS POSTED AT CITY HALL BULLETIN BOARD AT 4455 W 126TH STREET ON THURSDAY, February 1, 2024 AT 4:00 PM.

Chairperson Johnson called the Veteran’s Commission Regular meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Faye Johnson, Vice–Chair Stephen Nellman, Commissioners Kyle Orlemann, and Carol Steinhauer

Absent: Commissioner Daniel Lucero

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

Flag Salute – Led by Commissioner Steinhauer

- 1) **Oral Communication:** None
- 2) **Written Communications:** None
- 3) **Approval of Minutes** – Postponed
- 4) **Staff Secretary Report/ Treasury Report:** The Commission received a donation from Lion Heart Delivery sponsored by Moe Awadallah in the amount of \$300.00 for a banner for Jerry Flory.
- 5) **Commissioners’ Discussion/Action Items**
 - A. Webpage & Social Media Review: Vice Chair Nellman to upload Banner Project flyer on Facebook
 - B. Events/Outreach
 - Korean War Event March 29th at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall from 6pm-9pm. VFW Dinner had
 - Vietnam Veterans of America \$1,000 Scholarship Program is open. Entries to be received by April 7, 2024.

- VA Los Angeles, Free Services for Animals on February 7th. Building 306. Free Spay/Neuter and Grooming.
- C. Legislative Update: Caring for Survivors Act is making its way through legislation. More to follow.
- D. Fundraising Strategies
 - Commissioner Orlemann will have a table at the VFW Breakfast on Feb 18th to promote the Banner Project.
 - Commissioner Orlemann to contact a local Credit Union for Banner Project sponsorship.
- E. Military and Veterans name list
 - The list was lost in an email. Will work with city to recover the list.
 - Chairperson Johnson will get a list from the VFW
- F. Calendar of Events for Commissioners
 - Memorial Day Event in collaboration with other city events already planned.
- G. Banner Project
 - Chairperson Johnson proposes to change the qualification process to allow veterans past and present with connection to the city to include family members that are veterans. Commissioner Orlemann seconds the move. The rest of the commission is in favor of the change.
 - Chairperson Johnson proposes to change the deadline from a set deadline to a moving deadline. Vice Chair Nellman seconds the motion. The rest of the Commission is in favor of the change.
 - The banners will be reused every year.
 - There will be continuous fundraising for the project
 - The Commission will have a presentation regarding the project at the VFW Breakfast.
 - Fundraising for the project will possibly occur at Blaze Pizza. Primary dates will be 3/28 and 4/4. Secondary dates 3/21 and 4/11

6) Commissioner Reports/ Recommendations

- A. Commissioner Lucero will be retiring from the US Army but will remain in Hawthorne.
- B. NASA Speaker to be rescheduled for May 24th
- C. ROTC applications are open for seniors who want to apply
- D. Commissioner Orlemann was in D.C. for the National VVA meeting.
- E. Vice Chair Nellman reports that Scholarships have been sent out to students

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2024 at 4:00pm.