

# 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 March 4, 2024

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, February 29, 2024 AT 4:00 PM.

Chairperson Johnson called the Veteran’s Commission meeting to order at 4:05pm.

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

**Present:** Chairperson Faye Johnson, Commissioners Daniel Lucero, Kyle Orlemann, and Carol Steinhauer

**Absent:** Commissioner Stephen Nellman

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

**Flag** – Commissioner Daniel Lucero led the flag salute.

#### **1) Oral Communication: None**

#### **2) Written Communications: Emails**

A. Four emails were received by way of Commissioner Orlemann’s personal email regarding the Banner Project.

John Peters of Bellflower a decorated Vietnam Vet had an inquiry about the program.

Leandro Carde stated that is a shame to charge \$300 for Veteran Banner Program

Thomas Quintana stated that he believed the flyer was inaccurate as it listed Sepulveda as part of an area of Hawthorne.

Gail Johnson wanted to know of Del Aire would be allowed to participate because it has a Hawthorne mailing address.

#### **3) Approval of Minutes**

A. January minutes approval is postponed as there is no quorum from that meeting

B. February minutes approved with minor changes

Moved to approve by Chairperson Johnson ; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Carol Steinhaur

**4) Staff Secretary Report/ Treasury Report:**

- A. Account Balance: \$3,800 from Council + 300 check for Banner Project from Mr. Abduala

**5) Guest Speaker**

- A. Mike Talleda, Wounded Heroes of America

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A. Veterans Banner Project Update

- Flyers will be printed out after corrections are made
- We would like to have Banner Project payments available online. E Lampkin will look into it with the city to see if it's possible.

B. Fundraisers

- Commissioner Orlemann would like a donation can for small cash donations
- Will continue to go to the VFW breakfast
- Will try and make a large poster promoting the Banner Project
- Commissioner Lucero to look into the Blaze Pizza fundraising project.

C. Military & Veterans name list: no discussion

D. Calendar of Events for Commissioners: no discussion

E. Webpage Review – no discussion

F. Events & Outreach

- Vietnam Wall Memorial (The Wall That Heals) will be in the City of Gardena from April 4<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

G. Legislative Updates

- Starting May 5<sup>th</sup> any veteran that has been exposed to any known toxic areas qualifies for the PACT Act.

**7) Commissioner Reports/ Recommendations**

- A. Inquired about an update regarding the land slotted for veteran housing. What is the status of the land.
- B. Commissioner Lucero is retiring and everyone is welcome to the Ceremony on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the Memorial Center from 12pm - 1pm
- C. Healthcare Expansion – VPN is reopened – you can apply at [www.vatherightway.org](http://www.vatherightway.org)
- D. Welcome Home Vets ceremony on March 29<sup>th</sup>

Chairperson Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm. The next meeting will be held on April 15, 2024 at 4:00pm.