



LA MESA COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Boulevard
La Mesa, California
Commissioners: Chair Alan "Rich" Gann
Vice Chair Andrea Britland
Commissioner Glenna Bloemen
Commissioner Jeffrey Foertsch
Commissioner Don Long
Commissioner Victor Martin
Commissioner Megan O'Dowd

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - 1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
3. **PRESENTATION**

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

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5. CURRENT BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting on February 26, 2025

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5.2 Flag Day 2025 Participation

To discuss the Commission attendance at the June 14, 2025 La Mesa Flag Day Parade. To include purchase of \$300 worth of Ice Cream for public distribution

5.3 Juneteenth 2025 Participation

To discuss participation in the 2025 Juneteenth celebration

5.4 Discussion of future meetings dates and times

6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT



La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

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La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Alan "Rich" Gann
Vice Chair Andrea Britland
Commissioner Glenna Bloemen
Commissioner Jeffrey Foertsch
Commissioner Don Long

Absent: Commissioner Victor Martin
Commissioner Megan O'Dowd

Staff: Recreation Supervisor Megan Howell

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gann called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. PRESENTATION

None.

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Jim Taylor, New Captain at VFW Ship 1774 in La Mesa, shared information on the upcoming Burger Burn event being held Saturday, March 29, 2025, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 8118 University Ave. La Mesa, CA 91942. Event is free for Veterans and a \$5 suggested donation for non-veterans. More information is available online at VFW1774.org

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of the minutes of regular meeting on October 23, 2024

Resolution No. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 23, 2024

Moved by Commissioner Long

Seconded by Vice Chair Britland

Motion Approved

5.2 Approval of the 2025 Work Plan

To approve the 2025 work plan and review the 2024 progress workplan.

Discussion about the work plan and Flag Day being included in Goal 2 as a City or community event.

Resolution No. Approve the 2025 work plan

Moved by Vice Chair Britland

Seconded by Commissioner Bloemen

Motion Approved

5.3 Update from the Representatives for EV Charging Station Master Plan Working Group

Status update from the Representatives for EV Charging Station Master Plan Working Group

[City of La Mesa EV Charging Plan Website](#)

[City of La Mesa EV Charging Survey](#)

Commissioner Foertsch gave an update about the current EV infrastructure survey and invited Commissioners to complete it online.

6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Howell announced the Flag Day Parade will be June 14, the upcoming Skate Park planning meeting on March 6th at Parkway Sports & Science Academy, and Earth Day being April 19th 2025 at MacArthur Park.

Commissioner Foertsch attended the LMVA Holiday in the Village and complimented the Village Association for a wonderful community event.

Commissioner Britland spoke at the February 21 Sunrise Rotary meeting about disabilities as they relate to accessibility and education.

Commissioner Bloeman invited Commissioners to attend the March Peter Pan Junior Theater performance and support youth arts in La Mesa. Attended the La Mesa Kiwanis breakfast at The Springs senior living community where 40 residents were served breakfast, received gifts and participated in holiday songs.

Commissioner Long spoke on the history of La Mesita Park as it related to the upcoming Skate Park design planning. He encouraged Commissioners to share information on the Serving Seniors lunch program at the La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center Monday - Friday at 11:30 AM.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gann adjourned the meeting at 6:03 PM.