



LA MESA COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION AGENDA

A Regular Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 23, 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. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

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4. CURRENT BUSINESS

4.1 Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 26, 2025

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4.2 Update on Juneteenth 2025

4.3 Flag Day Parade 2025 discussion

Discuss participation and attendance of parade and ice cream hand-out.

5. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT



La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: March 26, 2025, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Boulevard
La Mesa, California

Present: _____ Chair Alan "Rich" Gann
_____ Vice Chair Andrea Britland
_____ Commissioner Glenna Bloemen
_____ Commissioner Jeffrey Foertsch
_____ Commissioner Don Long
_____ 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 5:35 p.m.

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Good Neighbor award submitted. Will be added to discussion after 5.3

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

Resolution No. To approve the minutes of the February, 26 2025 meeting

Moved by Vice Chair Britland

Seconded by Commissioner Long

Chair Gann: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Vice Chair Britland: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Bloemen: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Foertsch: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Long: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Martin: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner O'Dowd: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict

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Filed**

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

Commissioners discussed participating in the parade and the ice cream distribution.

Resolution No. To approve participation in and purchase of ice cream for the 2025 Flag Day Parade

Moved by Commissioner Long

Seconded by Commissioner Foertsch

Chair Gann: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Vice Chair Britland: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Bloemen: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Foertsch: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Long: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Martin: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner O'Dowd: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict

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5.3 Juneteenth 2025 Participation

To discuss participation in the 2025 Juneteenth celebration

Commissioners discussed participation in Juneteenth and decided to move the vote to April meeting.

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

Chair Gann: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Vice Chair Britland: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Bloemen: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Foertsch: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Long: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner Martin: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict; Commissioner O'Dowd: Yes / No / Abstain / Conflict

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5.4 Addition - Good Neighbor Award

Review the Good Neighbor Award submission received.

Commissioners discussed Good Neighbor Award received. Directed Supervisor Howell to research nominee for contributions to La Mesa.

5.5 Discussion of future meetings dates and times

Commissioners discussed current date, time and frequency of meetings. Due to plans to not meet over summer and winter holidays, no changes are made at this time.

6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Howell announced La Mesa Ship 1774 Burger Burn on March 29, Earth Day Fair on April 19, and shared E-Bike voucher program information.

Commissioner Bloeman shared that the Kiwanis Club of La Mesa has scholarships available for Helix High School students, and information is available through Helix counselors.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gann adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.