



## LA MESA COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION AGENDA

### A Regular Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 5:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Boulevard  
La Mesa, California

**Commissioners:** Chair Dennis Sharp  
Vice Chair Alan "Rich" Gann  
Commissioner Glenna Bloemen  
Commissioner Andrea Britland  
Commissioner Allan Durden  
Commissioner Don Long

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - 1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
3. **PRESENTATION**
  - 3.1 **Good Neighbor Award**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

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5. **CURRENT BUSINESS**
  - 5.1 **Approval of the minutes** 4

Approval of the August 24, 2022 minutes.
  - 5.2 **2023 Work Plan** 7

Approval of the 2023 work plan.
  - 5.3 **Community Conversation Topics 2023**
6. **STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**
7. **ADJOURNMENT**



## La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission

### Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: August 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Boulevard  
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Sharp  
Vice Chair Gann  
Commissioner Bloemen  
Commissioner Britland  
Commissioner Durden  
Commissioner Long

Absent: Commissioner Sierra

Staff: Director of Community Services Richardson  
Recreation Supervisor 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.

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#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Sharp called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

#### 1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

None

#### 3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)**

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None

**4. CURRENT BUSINESS**

**4.1 Approval of the June 22, 2022 Meeting**

**Moved by** Commissioner Long

**Seconded by** Commissioner Britland

To approve the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Motion Approved**

**4.2 Community Conversations Planning**

September - Disability Services

October- Homelessness panel

November - Veteran's services fair

Chair Sharp provided an update about the September 28, 2022

Community Conversation on disability services for high school students and young adults. Members provided input on flyer, Supervisor Howell will make edits and distribute to Commissioners.

Director Richardson announced that the October Community Conversation will be a panel discussion with La Mesa Police, the La Mesa HOME team and East County Homeless Task Force.

Supervisor Howell gave an update on November Veterans Resource Fair. Date to be determined.

**4.3 November and December Meetings**

**Moved by** Commissioner Bloemen

**Seconded by** Commissioner Britland

To cancel the November and December meetings and schedule to veterans resource fair for November 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

**Motion Approved**

**5. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Director Richardson announced the new restroom at MacArthur Park should be completed in October. Gave update on the Collier Park ground breaking and Highwood Park court repair and re-striping.

Supervisor Howell announced upcoming Coffee Talks for September and October.

Commissioner Durden reminded all to attend the LMPD "Chat with the Chief" Thursday, August 25, at the Community Center.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Sharp adjourned the meeting at 6:06 PM.



**COMMUNITY RELATIONS & VETERANS  
COMMISSION**

**Work Plan  
FY2023**

**Goals should be consistent with the City's goals:**

- Safe Community
- Maintain a Financially Sound and Affordable City Government
- Continue to Improve High Quality Municipal Services
- Revitalize Neighborhoods and Corridors
- Enhanced Recreation and Quality of Life Opportunities
- Insure Safe and Affordable Homes for All Current and Future Residents

**Staffing Department:** Community Services Department

GOALS	DUE DATE	TRACKING MILESTONES	STATUS
1. Host speakers or events to educate commission and public about resources related to veterans, seniors, disabled and the community at large.	Ongoing	Host minimum of (4) presentations February to December 2023. Track attendance at meetings. Disseminate calendar via social media.	
2. Participate in City or community events.	Ongoing, throughout year	Volunteer or have a table top at community events to increase Commission's visibility.	
3. Participate in Livable La Mesa/ Age Friendly Community Project	Ongoing, as needed	Assist City with implementing goals in action plan.	
4. Participate in Veteran Day event	November 2023	Assist with a local Veterans Day event.	
5. Attend meetings in area of interest at other organizations and report back to Commission and City Council.	Ongoing, monthly	Members attend meetings throughout County and share resources.	
6. Recognize La Mesa citizens, veterans, organizations and businesses.	Ongoing nominations, monthly/quarterly recognition	Accept, review and present Good Neighbor awards. Recognize military residents.	

**2.73.070 - Mission, duties and functions.**

- (a) The mission of the Community Relations and Veterans Commission is to address the needs and concerns of senior adults, the disabled, veterans, and the community-at-large, and develop activities which promote positive community relations in the city of La Mesa.
- (b) The commission shall have the following duties and functions:
  - (1) Provide a forum for discussion by the commission and the community on senior adult, disabled, veterans, and human relations issues;
  - (2) Plan, participate in, and/or help sponsor events dealing with senior adult, the disabled, veterans, and human relations issues, which promote positive relations within the community; and
  - (3) Consult with other community organizations, senior groups, veteran-related associations, and organizations serving the disabled community to best coordinate the activities of the commission.