



## **La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission**

### **Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

Date: February 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

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.

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#### **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.

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

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Community

Relations and Veterans Commission will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

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.