



## LA MESA COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND VETERANS COMMISSION AGENDA

### A Regular Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 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 Allan Durden  
Commissioner Jeffrey Foertsch  
Commissioner Don Long  
Commissioner Megan O'Dowd

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**Pages**

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 minutes of Regular Meeting of January 24, 2024**

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**5.2 Flag Day Parade Participation**

Discuss attendance at June 8, 2024 Flag Day Parade.

**5.3 Partner Organizations**

To continue discussion of organizations to partner with for future community involvement.

**6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**



## La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission

### Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: January 24, 2024, 5:30 p.m.  
Location: Adult Enrichment Center, 8450 La Mesa Boulevard  
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Gann  
Vice Chair Britland  
Commissioner Durden  
Commissioner Foertsch  
Commissioner Long  
Commissioner O'Dowd

Absent: Commissioner Bloemen

Staff: 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**

Commissioner Gann called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

##### 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 Minutes from the September 27, 2023 Regular Meeting**

**Moved by** Vice Chair Britland

**Seconded by** Commissioner O'Dowd

**Motion Approved**

**4.2 Approve the 2024 Work Plan**

**Moved by** Commissioner Long

**Seconded by** Commissioner Foertsch

**Motion Approved**

**4.3 Election of 2024 Officers**

Elect Chairperson, Vice-Chair and Secretary.

Commissioner Long Recommended Rich Gann as Chair, Andrea Brittlund as Vice Chair and Allan Durden as Secretary

**Moved by** Commissioner Long

**Seconded by** Vice Chair Britland

**Motion Approved**

**5. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Howell announced Collier Park grand re-opening February 10.

Commissioner O'Dowd will attend point in time count on January 25.

Commissioner Foertsch is attending the San Diego Make-a-Wish 2024 Trail Blaze Challenge with participation in hikes all over the county of San Diego.

Chair Gann attended a Zoom meeting regarding VA benefits in San Diego County

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Gann adjourned the meeting at 6:12.