

Minutes of a Meeting of the La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission
Wednesday, June 23, 2021

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALLED TO ORDER: Vice Chairperson Sharp called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.
Commissioners present: Commissioners Gann, Sharp, Long, Bloemen (late), Loorya and Britland.
Absent: Commissioners Pittman, Kappel, and Perrin. Staff present: Megan Howell, Recreation Supervisor; Susan Richardson, Director of Community Services; Matt Nicholass, Police Captain.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Long motioned, Commissioner Britland seconded approval of the May 26, 2021 regular meeting minutes. All in favor with exception of Bloeman (late, missed vote) and Loorya abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS: Junk Medics accepted the Good Neighbor Award.

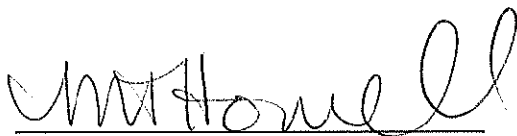
HOME PROGRAM PRESENTATION: Captain Matt Nicholass presented on the La Mesa HOME program and their first quarter statistics and success stories. 1st quarter report can be found here <https://www.cityoflamesa.us/DocumentCenter/View/17032/La-Mesa-Outreach-Quarter-1-Report> . The City has contracted with PATH for outreach and working with faith community, thrift stores and building relationships with providers. Internal staff will be hired this fall.

STAFF REPORTS: Community Services Director Richardson announced that the commission may be able to return to in-person for the August meeting which will be a Community Conversation in conjunction with La Mesa Conversations and the San Diego DA's office on the subject of hate crimes. Recreation Supervisor Howell gave an update that classes are resuming at the Adult Enrichment Center.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

- Commissioner Loorya attended a Journey Community Church food bank event.
- Commissioner Bloemen announced the PPJT performance of 'Peter Pan' running June 28-July 3 at Kroc Center. La Mesa Kiwanis awarded \$6,000 in scholarships. Expressed concerns about high speeds in the area of Baltimore and Balto.
- Commissioner Long reported a slow traffic sign on Baltimore has low visibility.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Britland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM, second by Commissioner Loorya to the regularly scheduled meeting on July 28 2021, at 5:30 PM. All in favor.



Megan Howell
Recreation Supervisor