

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission
Wednesday, June 24, 2020

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:

Chairperson Loorya called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM

Commissioners Present: Loorya, Gann, Sharp, Kappel, Long, Bloemen, Pittman

Commissioner Absent: Gipson

Staff Present: Megan Howell, Recreation Supervisor, Susan Richardson, Director of Community Services

Guest Present: Dani Womack, La Mesa City Hope

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kappel motioned and Pittman seconded approval of the February 2020 Minutes. All in favor.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS:

Commissioner Kappel is working on a few awards to be presented in the future.

Megan Howell announced the Good Neighbor Award nomination form was posted on the City website now.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Megan Howell announced Dreams For Change to provide tax services for low income and seniors, County of San Diego Great Plates Delivered has been extended through July 10, Rides4Neighbors is accepting new riders and drivers.

Susan Richardson announced that there are two vacancies on the Community Relations and Veterans Commission with an applications deadline of July 6. The Citizen Task Force on Homelessness and Citizen Public Safety Oversight Task Force have resumed meetings via Zoom.

NEW BUSINESS:

Livable La Mesa listening session brainstorming: Members discussed possible topics and format for community conversation forum or events to be hosted by the Commission. Possible partnerships for promotions included La Mesa Conversations, Oasis, Inter-Faith Council. Discusses having panelists and a facilitator. Commissioner Sharp would research recommendations for facilitators with experience in race relations and consensus building. Commissioner Kappel motioned to form an ad-hoc committee to meet to make recommendations to the Commission at a special meeting on July 7. Commissioner Pittman seconded. All in favor. Ad-hoc committee to be Chairman Loorya, Commissioners Sharp, Long and Gann.

COMMISSION REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

1. Commissioner Sharp attended the Helix High School year parent planning meeting.
2. Commissioner Pittman thanked all schools and La Mesa City day camps for providing services and safe child care to kids.

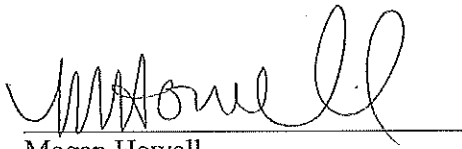
3. Commission Bloemen announced that all Kiwanis and PPJT events were cancelled.
4. Commissioner Kappel was recalled to active duty reserves.
5. Commissioner Long thanked all of the Commissioners who responded to downtown La Mesa after the riots.
6. Commissioner Gann was out of town on business in Kansas City during that City's protests and riots.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NA

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Loorya adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. to a Special Meeting on July 7, 2020 to be held via Zoom

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Megan Howell", written over a horizontal line.

Megan Howell
Recreation Supervisor