

Minutes of a Meeting of the La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission
Wednesday, August 26, 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 5:38 PM

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Loorya, Gann, Sharp, Kappel, Long, Bloemen, Pittman, Perrin and Britland

Commissioner Absent:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kappel motioned and Bloemen seconded approval of the July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Yays: 4 (Gann, Kappel, Bloemen, Loorya, Long) Neys: 0 Abstain: 2 (Britland, Perrin)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Recreation Supervisor Megan Howell read aloud the first 300 words of the emailed public comments submitted by 3:30 p.m. the day of the Commission meeting.

Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment relating to the need to continue facilitated dialogue regarding tension in the City with suggestions for professional facilitators.

John Brooks submitted a comment regarding the August 1, 2020, protest.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Commissioners discussed the August 5, 2020, Livable La Mesa Community Conversation event.

Compliments were paid to facilitator Gail Nugent and panelists Dr. Rodney Hood and Leda Alright.

Recording is on City of La Mesa – City Hall Facebook.

Discussion for the planned September 23, Community Conversation event resulted in the topic being refined to the effects on youth due to remote learning and social isolation. Director Richardson discussed draft questions, agenda, roles, and next steps regarding press release and sign ups.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Megan Howell announced that applications for SANDAG Grants for the Rides4Neighbors program are open and the City is working on a new application.

Director Richardson announced the continuation of summer/fall camp program to assist parents with remote learning.

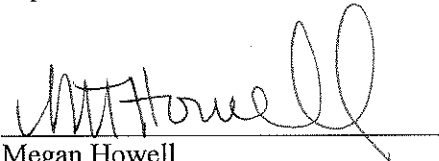
COMMISSION REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Perrin - Would like to continue the discussion of race relations in La Mesa. Attended August 1st protest near La Mesa Police Headquarters

Long – Thank you to everyone for the hard work on the August Community Conversation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Loorya motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM, second by Kappel, to a Regular Meeting on September 23, 2020, to be held via Zoom. All in favor.



Megan Howell
Recreation Supervisor