

Minutes of a Meeting of the La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission
Wednesday, September 23, 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 5:32 PM

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

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Perrin

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kappel motioned and Bloemen seconded approval of the August 28, 2020 Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

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:

1. Debbie Kinsinger submitted a comment suggesting the implementation of a "Game Changers" model of community conversations and recommending facilitators.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD:

Commission presented the Good Neighbor Award to the La Mesa Kiwanis. Bruce Chase and members received the award via Zoom. Information about their organization can be found at www.lamesakiwanis.com.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

Community Conversations: Due to conflict with a City Council candidate forum, the Commission's Community Conversation event originally scheduled for September 23rd is being pushed to October 28. Director Richardson discussed draft questions, agenda, roles, and next steps regarding press release and sign ups.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Director Richardson announced the continuation of the fall day camp program to assist working parents with remote learning. Commercial Use Permits are being issued to allow fitness programs to operate in parks. The City Commission on Homelessness is working on their plan and models to recommend to City Council.

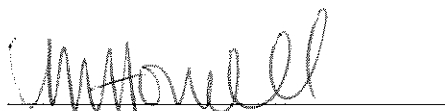
COMMISSION REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bloemen – Commended the City on clean up after the riots.

Sharp – Helix High School is participating in a multi-state speech and debate contest via remote learning.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Loorya motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 PM, second by Kappel, to a Regular Meeting on October 28, 2020, to be held via Zoom. All in favor.



Megan Howell
Recreation Supervisor