

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the
La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission
Wednesday, March 22, 2017
La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center,
8450 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, California

Community Services Director, Sue Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Salute to the flag

Present Commissioners: Glenna Bloemen, Jay Diaz, Brenda Gipson, Deborah Ivas, Don Long, Ted Salois

Absent Commissioners: Erik Collins, Mike Fredenburg; Judy Quinn

Staff members present: Sue Richardson, Community Services Director

Guest: Erlene Lourenco

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Salois motioned to approve the, January 25, 2017 Special Meeting, and February 22, 2017 Regular Meeting (no quorum) minutes. Commissioner Ivas seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0

Past Business:

1. Assign representation to two members. Members were not present to be assigned. This being the third consecutive meeting that Commissioners Collins and Fredenburg have missed, Community Services Director Richardson will follow up with formal letter to seek resignation or commitment to attending all future meetings.

New Business:

1. Previous year's work plan was reviewed and discussion for events and celebrations for remainder of calendar year.
2. Flag Day Parade: June 3, 2017. Discussion about participation in this year's parade. Agreed to hand out ice cream at Legacy Park, and have a group walk in the parade and hand out patriotic pencils. Request will be made to the Community Services Manager for a convertible for committee members who cannot walk the route to ride in. Need to order a new banner for commission. Motion made by Commissioner Ives, seconded by Commissioner Bloemen.

Vote: 6-0-0

Commission Reports & Announcements:

1. Commissioner Gipson announced the next meeting of La Mesa Conversations will be on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00pm at La Mesa Wine Works on the future of transportation in East County.
2. Commissioner Ivas commended the VA hospital on their services for homeless veterans.
3. Commissioner Bloemen announced the Kiwanis Club had assisted with the Special Olympic track meet on Saturday, March 4 at West Hills High and will be helping with trail clean up at the Lakeside Riverpark Conservancy on earth day April 22.

Public Comments : None

ADJOURNMENT - Sue Richardson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Sue Richardson, CPRP
Community Services Director