

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center,
8450 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, California

CALLED TO ORDER:

Commission Vice Chair Gipson called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. Commissioners Present: Gipson, Gann, Quinn, Williams, Bloemen, Long (arrived at 6:05pm)
Commissioner Absent: Salois, Diaz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Gipson, Second by Quinn, Vote: 5-0-0-3

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of January 24, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes. Quinn motion, seconded by Williams, Vote: 5-0-0-3

COMMISSION SHIRTS:

Commission Gann gave update on status of Commissioner shirts.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Community Services Director Richardson announced the selection of a Recreation Supervisor at the Adult Enrichment Center who will help the commission and support community services. Also, gave and update on the selection of a Caretaker at MacArthur Park to occupy the renovated apartment above the Recreation Center.

Chairman Jay Diaz had briefed City Council on the Commission's 2018 work plan at their meeting on March 27. Commissioners discussed ways to better communicate the meetings and Commission to the public, including printing the flyers and press releases.

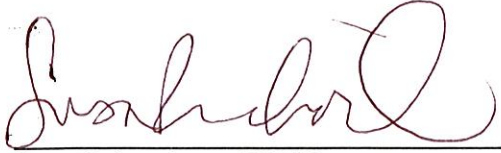
COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

1. Commissioner Williams brought up the idea to handle any future community relation issues be addressed during our monthly meeting. A potential invite to allow students or community members come to the meeting to voice their opinions on issues, problems, perceptions, etc. If the Commission chooses to do that, the recommendation was to use a facilitator/moderator to help the conversation if need be. Commissioner Williams recommended a social media presence such as Twitter, Facebook or Nextdoor for the Commission.
2. Commissioner Gipson mentioned that the Grossmont School District hired a consultant to help facilitate the communications between the school, students, and Police Department. She also attended the Ku'ubma Fest, a celebration of Black History Month at the Lyceum Theatre in San Diego.
3. Commissioner Quinn will be attending an upcoming East County Elder Abuse Council in March.
4. Commissioner Bloemen requested a future agenda item to discuss the possibility of La Mesa hosting the Kiwanians' exceptional athletes track event. Director Richardson said they could

work through the Community Services Department to see if facilities were available for that type of event.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Gibson adjourned at 6:50 p.m. to the March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting. Motion by Long, second by Bloemen, Vote: 6-0-0-3

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Sue Richardson, CPRP
Community Services Director

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