



## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes**

January 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Bldg. C, Conference Room B-111  
276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista

Present: Nimpa Akana, Francia Castro, Henry Martinez, Lynne Pine,  
Anthony Stewart

Absent: Tanya Williams

Also Present: Karina Aguilar, Eric Martinez, Alyssa Moreno

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

*A special meeting of the Veterans Advisory Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at \_\_6:00\_\_ p.m.*

#### **2. ROLL CALL**

*Secretary Aguilar called the roll.*

#### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

In person: Jack Gretcher.

Concern: South Bay heroes wall on Memorial Park. There are a few veterans that are not on the wall and would like for the commission to work on adding those names.

#### **4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SECRETARY AND LIASION**

##### **4.1 Introduction of Karina Aguilar and Eric D. Martinez**

**5. ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Discuss and Finalize Veteran of the Year Program**

ACTION: Commissioners agreed that last year's Veteran of the Year got announced very late and did not like that the ceremony was done in the daytime. Commissioners agreed on improving this year's Veteran of the Year Program by creating a subcommittee that will focus on making sure that the nomination and reveal gets done on time as well as providing an award for the winner. Chairperson Akana agreed on making this an action item to vote for next month's meeting. Commissioner Pine appealed that a letter written by the governor should be created and sent out to last year's winner.

OTHER BUSINESS

**6. STAFF COMMENTS**

Liaison Martinez assured he will contact city clerk's secretary regarding the creation of subcommittees.

**7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chairperson Akana announced that she will contact the governor's secretary regarding sending out a letter of congratulations for last year's veteran of the year. She also let the speaker know that the commission will work on adding the names of the veterans mentioned on the Veterans Wall.

**8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Martinez made the proposition of creating a subcommittee that will work on the Veterans Wall. Chairperson Akana agreed to add this as an action item for next month. Commissioner Pine would like the commission to work on a Plan of Action and Milestones in order to be more efficient this year, and chairperson Akana agreed to add this as an action item for next month as well. Commissioner Stewart and Pine brought up the topic of the Veterans parade and asked this to be included in next month's meeting. Chairperson Akana agreed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at \_\_7:20\_\_ p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by: Karina Aguilar, Secretary*

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Karina Aguilar, Secretary