



REGULAR MEETING OF THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Bldg. #C, Conference Room B-112
276 4th Avenue, Chula Vista

Present: Nimpa Akana, Francia Castro, Lynne Pine, Anthony Stewart,
Tanya Williams

Also Present: Karina Aguilar, Eric Martinez

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Veterans Advisory Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Aguilar called the roll.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

4. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2024

Moved by Lynne Pine
Seconded by Francia Castro

Commission to approve meeting minutes.

Result: Carried Unanimously

5.2 VETERAN OF THE YEAR PROGRAM UPDATE

Commissioners reviewed all applicants' submissions and carried out a vote for applicant Danny Shaffstall to be this year's Veteran of the Year.

Moved by Nimpa Akana

Seconded by Tanya Williams

Commission to vote on a candidate to become the Veteran of the Year.

Result: Carried

5.3 UPDATE ON MILITARY REINTEGRATION PROGRAM

- Commissioner Stewart will be ready to give a presentation to City Council on one of its September meetings - targeting September 24th.

- Commissioner Stewart requested July minutes to be reviewed on September's regular meeting.

- Commissioner Stewart will contact City Clerk to reserve a spot on City Council's September 24th meeting in order to give his presentation.

5.4 RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VETERAN WALL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2024-2025

Commission carried forward the vote to not reestablish the subcommittee for the Veteran Wall.

Moved by Francia Castro

Seconded by Tanya Williams

Commission to approve the re-establishment of the subcommittee for Veteran Wall.

Result: Carried Unanimously

5.5 VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2024-2025

- Commissioners reviewed and proposed the following goals and objectives for the fiscal year of 2024 - 2025.

1. Commission to advocate for the services and programs offered in the City of Chula Vista by utilizing city social platforms at least once a month.
2. Commission to advocate for the Military Reintegration Program in the City of Chula Vista.
3. Commission to invite presenters from agencies related to veterans to provide presentations at commission meetings for every quarter of the fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS

6. STAFF COMMENTS

- Liaison Martinez will close the submission link for Veteran of the Year.

7. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Stewart thanked the rest of the commissioners for electing him chair of the new fiscal year.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Akana expressed interest in receiving an update for new commissioner applications.
- Commissioner Akana requested an action item for next month's regular meeting for the commission to support the Filipino Veteran Park.
- Commissioner Stewart highlighted the celebration of Hispanic Veteran month starting September 17th.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Karina Aguilar, Secretary

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