



MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2024
701 East Carson Street

Veterans Park, Activity Room
6:15 PM

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION
AGENDA**

Commissioners:

Chair Manuel Da Silva, Vice-Chair Brian Raber, Arthur Batucal, Robert Boyd, Roger Branch, Jr., Emmanuel Salomon, Al Seay, Richard Woods Jr., Thomas Woods, Karl Wilvert

Alternates:

Romeo Galeon (Alternate 1), VACANT (Alternate 2), Nemie Mosquera (Alternate 3)

Staff:

Dara Sandoval, Recreation Program Manager, Kisheen Tulloss, Council Aide, Mikala Mulitauaopele, Division Secretary

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Da Silva called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Manuel Da Silva, Vice-Chair Brian Raber, Arthur Batucal, Robert Boyd, Roger Branch, Jr., Al Seay, Thomas Woods (Arrived at 6:32 p.m.), Karl Wilvert
Excused: Emmanuel Salomon, Richard Woods Jr., Romeo Galeon (Alt. 1), Nemie Mosquera (Alt. 3)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Da Silva led the pledge of allegiance at 6:18 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The public may address the Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Carson Veterans Affairs Commission or on any items on the agenda of the Carson Veterans Affairs Commission, prior to any action taken on the agenda. Speakers are limited to no more than three minutes, speaking once. Oral communications will be limited to one (1) hour unless extended by order of the Chair with the approval of the Veterans Affairs Commission. Due to the threat of COVID-19 (aka the "Coronavirus"), you are urged to take all appropriate health safety precautions.

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR**1. 2024-003-VAC**

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 20, 2024, VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Attachments: 02.20.2024 MEETING MINUTES

2. 2024-004-VAC

SUBJECT: SPECIAL EVENTS

Attachments: 2024 - CITY WIDE EVENTS LIST

3. 2024-005-VAC

SUBJECT: PARK ASSIGNMENTS

Attachments: VAC Park Assignments

Commissioner Boyd motioned to receive and file; Commissioner Raber seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUED BUSINESS**4. 2024-006-VAC**

SUBJECT: 2024 MEMORIAL DAY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Two commissioners were present during the first meeting. A Save the Date flyer for the Memorial Day event was created and shared on the city's social media pages, and it will be emailed to all commissioners.

5. 2024-007-VAC

SUBJECT: 2024 VETERANS DAY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioners Seay and Batucal were present at the meeting. The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- Limit the speaking time for Elected Officials. It was recommended that speaking time be scheduled early on in the event rather than during the presentations.
- Recognize significant milestone anniversary dates during this year's event. Commissioners plan to recognize significant milestone anniversaries during this year's event to honor and celebrate

other important historical events, such as battles from World War II.

- Invite neighboring ROTC high schools representing different branches to compete and showcase different skill sets.
- Strategically place vendors in high-traffic areas to promote more customers and business.

6. 2024-008-VAC

SUBJECT: VETERANS BROCHURE

Staff Mulitauaoepele drafted a brochure and presented it to the commission. Staff Sandoval explained how the brochure was created and opened the floor for feedback.

The draft brochure was well received, and the commissioners provided some minor edits to Staff Mulitauaoepele for further modifications. Staff Mulitauaoepele will send PDF versions of the brochure and resource list and a link to the city website for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners will review and vet the master resource contact list to ensure accuracy.

COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORTS

1. Batucal-Calas: Cameras helped reduce graffiti, and new LED lights were installed in the baseball field.
2. Boyd-Carson: There are no more leaves near the pool area, and the picnic areas are well-occupied by park visitors.
3. Branch Jr.-Stevenson: The flags were not up due to the rain.
4. Da Silva-Foisia: The front of the park is currently being re-paved.
5. Raber-Anderson: The park looks great, and the flags are up.
6. Salomon-Dolphin: N/A
7. Seay-Del Amo: The park is in good condition, but the placement of flags is inconsistent.
8. Wilvert-Carriage Crest: There are no complaints about the park.
9. Woods-Mills: The streetlight/ traffic signal near the park is now fixed, so no more tracks are on the grass.
10. Woods, Jr.-Dominguez: N/A
11. Galeon-Veterans/Veterans SportsComplex: N/A
12. Mosequera-Hemingway: N/A

Commissioner Boyd inquired about ethics training and whether new training will be provided for commissioners. Staff will follow up on this request.

PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

The public may, at this time, address the members of the Veterans Affairs Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Veterans Affairs Commission. No action may be taken on non-agendized items except as authorized by law. Speakers are requested to limit their comments to no more than three minutes each, speaking once.

None.

STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Mulitauaoepele confirmed that appointment letters would be resent to all commissioners and scheduled oath appointments for commissioners who requested one. All other commissioners are to walk in to take their oath.

Staff Sandoval informed the commission of safety precautions throughout the city, stating that all city buildings will receive new cameras. Staff Sandoval informed the commission that Aundrea Rockhold was reassigned to Anderson Park, and Angel Zamora was reassigned to Del Amo Park.

Staff confirmed with commissioners that the meeting start time was changed to 6:15 p.m. due to the Kids Club programming ending at 6:00 p.m. Chair Da Silva then motioned to keep the start time at 6:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

This Board/Commission/Committee is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Board/ Commission/ Committee agenda be posted at least 72 hours in advance of each meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Board/ Commission/ Committee and items not on the Board/Commission/Committee agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board/ Commission/ Committee. The Board/ Commission/ Committee may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.