



MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024  
701 East Carson Street

Veterans Park, Activity Room  
6:15 PM

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **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 Mulitauaoepele, Division Secretary

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Da Silva called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Manuel Da Silva, Vice-Chair Brian Raber, Robert Boyd, Roger Branch, Jr., Nemie Mosquera (Alt. 3), Emmanuel Salomon, Al Seay, Karl Wilvert

Excused: Arthur Batucal, Thomas Woods, Richard Woods Jr., Romeo Galeon (Alt. 1)

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Da Silva led the pledge of allegiance.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **PUBLIC ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

*The public may address the Commission on any matters within the jurisdiction of the Veterans Affairs Commission or on any items on the agenda of the 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 2024-014-VAC**

#### **SUBJECT:**

**MARCH 18, 2024, VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

### **2 2024-013-VAC**

#### **SUBJECT:**

**CITY-WIDE SPECIAL EVENTS 2024/2025**

### **3 2024-012-VAC**

#### **SUBJECT:**

**PARK ASSIGNMENTS**

Commissioner Salomon motioned to receive and file; Commissioner Seay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **4 2024-009-VAC**

#### **SUBJECT:**

**2024 MEMORIAL DAY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Commissioner Salomon stated there was no quorum to hold the last meeting and encouraged the Commissioners to attend the next meeting scheduled for the following day, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in Kenny's office at the Veterans SportsComplex at 3:30 p.m. This meeting will be to approve the program for the Memorial Day Tribute.

**5 2024-010-VAC**

**SUBJECT:**

**2024 VETERANS DAY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

Due to a scheduling conflict, there was no meeting; Isaac will contact the commissioners to reschedule.

**6 2024-011-VAC**

**SUBJECT:**

**VETERANS BROCHURE**

Staff Mulitauaopele presented the brochure to the Commission and opened the floor for feedback. Commissioner Salomon noted the seals were out of order. Staff Mulitauaopele to correct the brochure and send an updated version to commissioners via email.

Staff Sandoval also reminded the Commission to review the master resource list to ensure information is up-to-date, accurate, and relevant.

**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.

**COMMISSIONER'S ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PARK REPORTS**

1. Batucal-Calas: N/A
2. Boyd-Carson: The pool area is clean and well-attended.
3. Branch Jr.-Stevenson: No report.
4. Da Silva-Foisia: The flag is now fixed and back up. Park is doing well.
5. Raber-Anderson: The park looks great, and the flags are up.
6. Salomon-Dolphin: Commented on the arrangement of the flags; stated the POW flag should be placed below the U.S. flag. Attended the Earth Day/Kids Fest event and learned that the city pumps water through the aquifer. The screen on the east side of the fence is still not secure so it gets blown around and tears the screen more due to wind.
7. Seay-Del Amo: The park is in good condition, but the placement of flags is inconsistent.
8. Wilvert-Carriage Crest: Flags are not always raised. Stated he will be absent in next month's meeting.
9. Woods-Mills: N/A
10. Woods, Jr.-Dominguez: N/A
11. Galeon-Veterans/Veterans SportsComplex: N/A

12.Mosequera-Hemingway: The park is in good shape; spoke to staff about the flag arrangement. The pickleball courts have good attendance.

### **STAFF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Staff Sandoval informed the commission of the Anderson Park closure and reminded them of the upcoming events. Upon approval of the brochure, staff will process it for printing so the commission can distribute the brochures at the Memorial Day Tribute event.

Staff Mulitauaoepele provided an update on the nameplates.

Staff Tulloss stated he was ready to serve the commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.