# CITY OF LONG BEACH VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION MINUTES

# WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019 HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAIN BUILDING 2525 GRAND AVENUE, ROOM 204, 5:00 PM

Ricky Fernandez, Chair Ryan Antes, Vice Chair Jesse Blanco, Commissioner Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner



Carlos Gonzalez, Commissioner Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner Mike Shaknovich, Commissioner Josh Smith, Commissioner

#### **FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fernandez called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Also in attendance, Randy Zarn with Partners of Parks.

**Commissioners** Jesse Blanco, Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos **Present:** Gonzalez, Gustavo Orozco, Mike Shaknovich, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

19-039VA

Recommendation to approve minutes for Veterans Affairs Commission meeting held on September 11, 2019

### This VA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

**Yes:** 9 - Jesse Blanco, Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos Gonzalez, Gustavo Orozco, Mike Shaknovich, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public present had no comments.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

19-040VA

Recommendation to receive, discuss and file Brown Act and Roberts

Rules presentation

Sarah Green with the City Attorney's office presented on the Brown Act and Roberts Rules. Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

This VA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

19-041VA

Recommendation to discuss Veterans' strategic plan and opportunity for community input

A motion was made by Commissioner Shaknovich, seconded by Vice Chair Antes, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 9 - Jesse Blanco, Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Carlos Gonzalez, Gustavo Orozco, Mike Shaknovich, Josh Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

#### LONE SAILOR RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Randy Zarn with Partners of Parks presented on the upcoming Lone Sailor recognition ceremony. The Commission is partnering with Partners to do this event. The Commission discussed the details and committed to assisting with the event.

19-042VA

Recommendation to review and discuss Veterans Day celebration updates and options

The Commission discussed the upcoming Veterans Day Parade and Celebration organized by CD 9. The addressed the various details, offering to attend, participate in a panel discussion, and to staff the Commission's booth at the resource fair.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements about various upcoming Veterans Day events were shared.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Veterans strategic plan will continue to be an agenda item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fernandez adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.