

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
VETERANS AFFAIRS
COMMISSION MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019

Ricky Fernandez, Chair
Ryan Antes, Vice Chair
Sylvia Contreras, Commissioner
Juanita Doplemore, Commissioner
Carlos Gonzalez, Commissioner



Gustavo Orozco, Commissioner
Mike Shakhovich, Commissioner
Josh Smith, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fernandez called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Gustavo Orozco, Josh

Present: Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

Commissioners Mike Shakhovich

Excused:

Commissioners Carlos Gonzalez

Absent:

19-011VA Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Veterans Affairs
Commission meeting held on February 20, 2019

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

Yes: 6 - Sylvia Contreras, Juanita Doplemore, Gustavo Orozco, Josh
Smith, Ryan Antes and Ricky Fernandez

Excused: 2 - Mike Shakhovich and Kiniko Willingham

Absent: 1 - Carlos Gonzalez

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Richardo Mejia, Veterans Case Manager for Century Villages at Cabrillo was in attendance.

REGULAR AGENDA

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Fernandez did not provide a report.

STAFF REPORT

Staff did not provide a report.

19-012VA Recommendation to discuss US VETS/Veterans Commission
employment and education panel in March

The employment and education panel subcommittee reported on its ongoing efforts to find a location, formalize partners and select panelists for this event.

19-013VA Recommendation to discuss Veterans Commission strategic plan

The Commission reviewed the revised agenda for the Strategic Planning Retreat on April 9, 2019, at Rancho Los Cerritos. Staff reported that the final round of stakeholder interviews has been scheduled and requested that any outstanding interview prospects be contacted and scheduled for interviews as soon as possible. The interviews are being recorded and transcribed. They will be coded for major and minor themes, and then a data analyst will undertake a deeper analysis of the data.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Wall that Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall, will visit the City of Bellflower March 21-24. Volunteers are needed to escort the wall into the park, to guard it, to assist with tours, and with a Veterans resource fair to be held on March 23. The 100th Birthday of the American Legion will be celebrated with a dinner and dancing event at the Centre in Lakewood also on March 23.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.