

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the La Mesa Community Relations and Veterans Commission  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019  
La Mesa Adult Enrichment Center,  
8450 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, California

CALLED TO ORDER:

Chairperson Gibson called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM  
Commissioners Present: Gipson, Kappel, Loorya, Bloemen, Long, Diaz, Valle  
Commissioner Absent: Williams, Gann  
Staff present: Sue Richardson, Community Services Director

Introduced new Commissioner Christine Valle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Kappel motioned and Bloemen seconded approval of the January 23, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes. All in favor.

Speaker:

Jack Porath, USAF (Ret), American Legion La Mesa Post – Call to Action – Invite others out to join and participate in the Legion hall and VFW. Please share his email for information [JPORATH1@roadrunner.com](mailto:JPORATH1@roadrunner.com)

- Founded in 1923 the La Mesa Legion serves approximately 2000 members through their sub groups. Community awards to Police, EMT, Fire & Teachers
- Scholarship program for 6-9 y.o. “The Voice of Democracy” speech contest
- American Legion Baseball league
- Community flag retirement ceremonies
- Fundraisers for various local veteran support groups
- Community hall for rent
- Socialization and comradery

Certificate of Recognition:

Lieutenant Mariann Pailano & Family

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Megan Howell announced upcoming *Coffee Talk* as well as the LMPD *Life on the Beat* enrollment

COMMISSION REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (NON-ACTION ITEMS):

1. Commissioner Bloemen announced they are looking for Volunteers at Los Coaches Middle School on March 2<sup>nd</sup>
2. Chairperson Gibson attended Earlene’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party. She also attended the Town Hall Meetings held in La Mesa and recommends them as a good resource for information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Susan Richardson  
Director of Community Services