

Martinez Veterans Commission

September 9, 2015

Minutes Approved February 24, 2016

A regular meeting of the Martinez Veterans Commission was called to order @ 4:07 on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in the conference room, City Hall, Martinez by Chair Shane Bower.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Shane Bower, Vice Chair Dave Jackson, Commissioner Richard Philbrook, Commissioner Charles Martin

Excused: Commissioner Sandy Minjack-Evans, Commissioner Ingmar Olsson

Staff: Recreation Coordinator Barbara Patchin

No public in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Chair Bower

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015 by Commissioner Philbrook, seconded by Vice Chair Jackson. Chair Bower yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Commissioner Jackson yes Commissioner Martin Yes. Motion passed. All Ayes.

New Business

The Veteran's Day Program was planned for November 11, 2015. Vice Chair Jackson will contact Bag Piper, Pastor Jim Anderson, Sea Cadets, Assembly woman Susan Bonilla, American Legion Post 29 & VFW Post 1351, and a veteran from the Viet Nam War to speak for the Memorial Message. Chair Bower will contact, Congressman Mike Thompson, Supervisor Federal Glover, Senator Lois Wolk, and Mayor Rob Schroder. Commissioner Philbrook will contact Congressman DeSaulier and find an appropriate reading for the Remembrance part of the ceremony. Staff will contact Sarah Stafford of the Martinez Community Choir and Jennifer Oertel to play taps.

Commissioners Comments

The commissioners discussed the moving of the All Veteran's Monument, three possibilities

1. Ignacio Plaza
2. Alhambra park
3. Move venue not the Statue

Reasons for moving

1. Make it more accessible
2. Safety

The commissioners also noted that the monument needed to be updated with the most recent wars.

Action Item

- a. Motion with the addition that other locations would also be explored if there was an issue with it being denied at Ignacio Plaza. Motion was made by Chair Bower and Seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Chair Bower yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Commissioner Jackson yes, Abstain Commissioner Martin Motion Passed

Old Business

The commissioners commented that the speaker at the Memorial Day Program, EJ Chuck Kohler a Pearl Harbor Survivor was by far the best that they have heard.

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Chair Bower made the motion at 5:05 pm to adjourn to Ignacio Plaza to discuss where they thought the monument could be placed. Seconded by Commissioner Jackson Motion passed.
All Ayes