

## **Martinez Veterans Commission**

**February 24, 2016**

**APPROVED September 28, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Martinez Veterans Commission was called to order 4:10pm on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Martinez, by Chair Shane Bower.

### **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Commissioner Sandy Minjack-Evans

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 September 9, 2015 by Chair Bower, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Chair Bower yes, Vic Chair Jackson yes, Commissioner Martin yes. Motion passed. All Ayes.

### **Action Item**

- a. Motion to move the May 30, 2016 Memorial Day Program not the monument from the Veterans Monument to Ignacio Plaza was made by Commissioner Bower, Seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, Chair Bower yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Vice Chair Jackson yes, Commissioner Olson yes, Commissioner Martin abstain, Motion Passed

### **Commissioners Comments**

Chair Bower stated that having the Program at Ignacio Plaza would cut down on the noise, traffic flow will not have to be shut down, and it would be a safer area.

Commissioner Martin also recommended that Susana Park might be a nice area also for the program.

### **New Business**

The Memorial Day Program was planned for May 30, 2016. Vice Chair Jackson will contact Bag Piper, Pastor Jim Anderson, Sea Cadets, American Legion Post 29 & VFW Post 1351, and a veteran to give the Memorial Day Message. Chair Bower will contact, Congressman Mike Thompson, Supervisor Federal Glover, Senator Lois Wolk, and Mayor Rob Schroder. Commissioner Philbrook will contact Congressman DeSaulier, Sarah Stafford of the Martinez Community Chorus and will ask if the Martinez Police would like to do the flag raising. Staff will contact Jennifer Oertel to play taps and Dan Keopke audio technician. Staff will also look into the use of the City Hall flag poles and notify the corporation yard of the change.

**Old Business**

The Commissioners commented that the speaker at the Veterans Day Program did a great job. They complimented Dan Keopke on the sound system and appreciate his help with the program.

**Correspondence**

None

**Commissioners Comments**

Commissioner Martin praised Chair Bower on his leadership; he noted an increase in the number of people that attending the programs and the stated positive public comments on the program. Commissioner Olsson informed the Commission he will present an action item for the next meeting to permanently relocate Veterans Programs to Ignacio Plaza.

**Adjournment**

Chair Bower made the motion at 5:13pm to adjourn, second Commissioner Philbrook Motion passed. All Ayes

Submitted by

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Recreation Coordinator