

Martinez Veterans Commission
September 28, 2016
Minutes

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A regular meeting of the Martinez Veterans Commission was called to order at 4:03pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 in the Board Room, City Hall, Martinez, Ca. by Chair Shane Bower.

Roll Call

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

Excused:

Absent: Sandy Minjack-Evans

Late: Commissioner Michael Menesini-arrived at 4:15pm.

No public in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was led by Chair Shane Bower

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of February 24, 2016 by Chair Bower, Seconded by Commissioner Philbrook, Chair Bower yes, Vice Chair Jackson yes, Commissioner Olsson yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Commissioner Martin yes.

Motion Passed All Ayes.

Action Item

Motion to recommend to the Park, Recreation, Marina and Cultural Commission to permanently locate the Memorial Day & Veterans Day Programs to Ignacio Plaza was made by Chair Bower, Seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Vice Chair Jackson yes, Commissioner Olsson yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Commissioner Martin yes.

New Business

Discussion of the upcoming Veterans Day program on Friday, November 11, 2016. Vice Chair Jackson reported that Pastor Jim Anderson declined participating, that it's time for someone new. Chair Bower will get in touch with Creekside Church Minister, Commissioners Olsson or Philbrook will be back-up. Chair Bower will also contact: Congressman Mike Thompson, Supervisor Federal Glover, Senator Lois Wolk and Mayor Rob Schroder.

Vice Chair Jackson will contact, bag piper, Sea Cadets, American Legion Post 29 & VFW Post 1351. Commissioner Philbrook will see if the Martinez Police Department can do the flag raising, contact the community chorus and provide the Remembrance. Commissioner Olsson asked that one of the two wreaths be placed at the All Veterans Monument. Commissioner Martin suggested that a person from VFW or American Legion could give the Veterans Day Message what their organizations do and what their experiences have been.

A P.A. System had been suggested for the cemetery but there is no electricity. The commissioners will encourage the audience to move in closer. Staff will contact, Jennifer Oertel, Dan Keopke, (Audio Technician), and make arrangements with the Martinez Corp yard to set up Ignacio Plaza.

A discussion was held about changing the time of the meeting from 4pm to 6:00pm to accommodate the commissioners work schedules.

Commissioner Philbrook made a motion to change the meeting time from 4pm to 6:00pm. Seconded by Chair Bower, Commissioner Bower yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Commissioner Jackson Yes, Commissioner Olsson yes, Commissioner Martin yes, Commissioner Menesini yes.

Old Business

The commissioners commented that over all they liked having the program in the plaza. Chair Bower received positive comments from the public who had attended.

Correspondence

None

Commissioners and Staff Comments:

Staff reminded commission that they had discussed updating the All Veteran's Monument some time ago. Staff will go look at site and write down what wars are engraved.

Commissioner Menesini gave some history of the monument. That they had also wanted to list names of people who had died in the wars. The commissioners will bring this back for discussion. Chair Bower spoke of what other cities have done to honor their veterans with permanent monuments.

Adjournment

Chair Bower made the motion at 5:04pm to adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Motion Passed all Ayes.