

Martinez Veterans Commission  
April 19, 2017  
Minutes  
**APPROVED September 19, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Martinez Veterans Commission was called to order at 6:15 pm on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 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 Mike Menesini, and Commissioner Ingmar Olsson.

Excused:

Absent: Commissioner Sandy Minjack-Evans, Commissioner Charles Martin

Staff: Recreation Coordinator, Barbara Patchin

Public in attendance: Dan Koepke

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

The pledge was led by Chair Shane Bower

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes with correction was made by Commissioner Olsson, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Chair Bower yes, Vice Chair Jackson yes, Commissioner Olsson yes, Commissioner Menesini yes, and Commissioner Philbrook yes, motion passed all ayes.

**Public Comment:**

Dan Koepke (audio technician for programs) commented that by the next program (Veteran's Day) he hopes to have 2 more speakers that would provide better sound for the sides of the plaza. He also suggested a riser in front of the podium for the dignitaries to stand on.

Dan requested that when we send out the press release that we add that there will be a press box with audio feed. He thought a few chairs reserved for press would also be helpful. Dan also asked for 10-15 orange cones to place behind speaker chairs because of the electrical cords that run behind them.

**New Business:**

Discussion and planning the upcoming Memorial Day Program on May 29, 2017. Chair Bower will get in touch with Mayor Schroder, Congressman Thompson, Senator Dodd, Supervisor Glover, and Pastor Terry Reilly. Vice Chair Jackson will get in touch with Scott Parker, Sea Cadets, VFW & American Legion, and Cub Scouts. Commissioner Jackson will also provide a tent for the dignitaries. Commissioner Philbrook will contact Senator DeSaulnier, do the Remembrance and check with Alhambra High School if the art class could do a poster. Commissioner Olsson will make a new easel. Staff will contact Jennifer Oertal to play taps and Gail Haefke with the community chorus, and check into getting a new wreath for the All Veterans Monument.

**Election of Officers:**

Commissioner Olsson nominated Commissioner Bower to continue as Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Commissioner Bower accepted the nomination, Commissioner Menesini yes, Commissioner Jackson yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes, Commissioner Olsson yes.

Motion Passed All Ayes.

Chairman Bower nominated Commissioner Jackson to continue as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Philbrook. Commissioner Jackson accepted the nomination. Commissioner Menesini yes, Commissioner Olsson yes, Commissioner Bower yes, Commissioner Philbrook yes.  
Motion Passed All Ayes.

**Old Business:**

Review of Veterans' Day 2016- The commissioners had all received positive comments on the use of Ignacio Plaza as the new area for the Veteran's and Memorial Day Programs

**Commissioner and Staff Comments:**

The Commission would like to have extra postcards to pass out to friends or place in stores.  
Commissioner Philbrook will check with some High School Students about making a poster that could be posted in public places.  
Staff reminded the Commissioners of the Deadline for information is May 12, 2017 so that staff can finish the program.  
Staff will get the postcards out to neighbors, so they are aware of the 21-gun salute.

**Adjournment**

Chair Bower made the motion at 6:37pm, Seconded by Commissioner Philbrook.  
Motion Passed All Ayes.