

Martinez Veterans Commission

October 20, 2009

Approved April 14, 2010

A regular meeting of the Martinez Veterans Commission was called to order at 4:44 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in the Conference Room, City Hall, Martinez, by Commissioner Thomas Zamaria.

Roll Call

Present: Commissioners, Thomas Zamaria, Charles Martin and Ingemar Olsson

Absent: Commissioner Sandra Minjack-Evans

Staff: Karen Majors, Community Development Director, Assistant City Manager
Robin Agostino, Administrative Aide III

Swearing in of new Commissioner

Karen Majors administered the Oath of Office to Ingemar Olsson; the new commissioner was welcomed by the commission.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was lead by Commissioner Thomas Zamaria

Election of officers: Ms. Majors asked the commission if they had a recommendation for chair of the Veterans Commission. Commissioner Martin nominated Commissioner Zamaria, seconded by Commissioner Olsson. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion for approve the minutes of April 8, 2009 by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Chair Zamaria. Motion passed.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

Chair Zamaria acknowledged the death of Chair Chuck Evans and enlightened the commission as to the work ahead with the lost of Chair Evans. A discussion was held concerning the up coming Veterans Day ceremonies. Chair Zamaria will be contacting the mayor, Honor Guard with the VFW and American Legion concerning the ceremonies and refreshments. Chair Zamaria will call Commissioner Sandra Minjack-Evans regarding the family member of Chuck Evans to lay the wreath during the Veterans Day Ceremonies. Commissioner Martin will be contacting Pastor Jim Anderson. The Commission discussed and planned the program for Veterans Day 2009.

Chair Zamaria would to have the Commission meet more that twice a year. Ms. Majors explained that staff time is a concern of the City Manager, Phil Vince. The commission agreed to meet after each ceremony (Veterans Day and Memorial Day) in an informal setting

to discuss any improvements that can be made to the ceremony. Commission Olsson offered his home for these meetings.

New Business

Chair Zamaria would like to have more members of the public attend the ceremonies. Ms Majors will be asking the mayor to mention the ceremony at the upcoming council meetings, staff will be contacting on the newspapers, posting the event on the web site, sending postcards and placing notice of the event on the front door of City Hall.

Commissioner Olsson would like to have a welcoming home program for our local vets. Chair Zamaria explained the returning service members are hard to locate and that there is no list of the returning service men and women. The commission will revisit this issue at a future commission meeting.

Commissioner's Matters

None

Correspondence

None

Adjournment

Next meeting April 14, 2010

The meeting was adjourned 5:19 p.m.

Submitted by,
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