



**CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS  
VETERANS COMMUNITY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SUMMARY MINUTES**

May 22, 2024  
5:00 p.m., Council Chambers,  
2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North,  
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030

Website - <http://www.cityofnorthlasvegas.com>

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairman Kelly** called the meeting into order at 5:00 P.M.

**VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW**

**City Clerk Jackie Rodgers** confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

**ROLL CALL**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Chairman Kelly  
Vice Chairwoman Holcomb (**Arrived: 5:06 PM**)  
Member Vega  
Member Kamanao  
Member Allen (**Arrived 5:14 PM**)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Chief Deputy City Attorney Noel Eidsmore  
Veterans Services Coordinator Walter Lescano  
Community Services and Engagement Director Wilson Ramos  
City Clerk Jackie Rodgers  
Chief Deputy City Clerk Cherry Lawson  
Deputy City Clerk Isabel Rodriguez

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION**

Led by **Chairman Kelly**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Chairman Kelly** opened the meeting to receive public comments. No comments offered.

## **AGENDA**

1. Veterans Community Commission Regular Meeting of May 22, 2024. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

**MOTION:** *Chairman Kelly moved and Member Vega second the motion approving the agenda as presented.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

2. Veterans Community Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2024. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

**MOTION:** *Chairman Kelly moved and Member Vega seconded the motion approving the Consent Agenda as presented.*

**ACTION:** **APPROVED**

AYES: 3

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

## **BUSINESS**

3. Presentation by City Staff on Questions 1 and 2 on the Primary Ballot in June 11, 2024. (For Discussion)

**Government Affairs Specialist Kandice Townsend** provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the two (2) questions that will appear on the June 11, 2024 Primary Election Ballot.

**ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY**

4. Discussion Regarding the Creation, Promoting and Participation of a Women's Veterans Choir. (For Discussion)

**Vice Chair Holcomb** provided information on feedback she received regarding the creation of a Women's Veterans Choir. She mentioned that this would allow women with PTSD to have an outlet in music. She stated that she has spoken to different Veteran women and they like the idea of a Women's Veterans Choir.

**Chairman Kelly** asked if the City of North Las Vegas would be sponsoring Women's Veterans Choir. **Vice Chair Holcomb** stated yes, and added that they will need to find volunteers for the choir.

**Member Vega** asked whether the Women's Veterans Choir would be located at the Veterans Resource Center. **Vice Chair Holcomb** stated that they are currently looking for a location with a piano.

5. Discussion Regarding the Logistics and Cost to Move the Veteran's Memorial, which is Currently located at the Grant Sawyer Building that will Soon Close, to North Las Vegas. (For Discussion)

**Chairman Kelly** stated that the Grant Sawyer Building will be closing and the memorial will be removed. **Chairman Kelly** suggested that the veterans memorial be moved somewhere in North Las Vegas.

**Vice Chairwoman Holcomb** stated that the Grant Sawyer Building will be closing June 1, 2024 and everyone in the building will be moving out. She mentioned that the State of Nevada is looking to relocate the memorial to Boulder City. However, if they are unable to do so by September 1, 2024 the memorial will need to be stored in a storage facility.

**Chairman Kelly** agreed with **Vice Chairwoman Holcomb** and mentioned that North Las Vegas will be having their own memorial.

**Councilman Cherchio** presented pictures of the suggested memorial that will be placed in North Las Vegas. He provided a brief history on the location for the memorial and a description.

**Chairman Kelly** thanked **Councilman Cherchio** for his effort and support to the Veterans community.

6. Discussion Regarding Tutoring for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Testing at the Veterans & Community Resource Center for Young People Considering Military Service. (For Discussion)

**Chairman Kelly** discussed the need for tutoring of individuals who may have failed the ASVAB and is unable to join the Marine Corp. That, if there was some type of tutoring service available to persons who have need additional assistance to help the past the ASVAB exam.

## **ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY**

7. Discussion Regarding How to Establish and Fund a Veteran's Outreach Team to Assist the Community with Needs Relating to Veterans. (For Discussion)

**Chairman Kelly** stated that currently there is no outreach program to assist the Veteran's community. He also mentioned that while out on the field communicating with Veterans, they were made aware they do not have any type of coaching or mentoring. **Chairman Kelly** suggested that they create a Veterans outreach program with the VA and if North Las Vegas would be able to fund this program.

**Member Kamanan** stated that he served for two years at the VA. He mentioned that they would reach out to Veteran's that were residing in tunnels to provide assistance.

**Chairman Kelly** mentioned that he contacted the VA and they mentioned there was no outreach program. He would contact them again to confirm that information.

**Member Allen** stated that he has ran into many veterans that are in crisis and in need of resources.

**Vice Chairwoman Holcomb** stated that the issue is that organizations are not able to reach veterans because their phone number are no longer in service. She stated that this is something they will have to look into first in order to be able to help.

**Chairman Kelly** – Mayor of Albuquerque, New Mexico put together a department of community safety that assisted with behavioral services and provided resources to the Veterans. They have also had the

**Community Services and Engagement Director Wilson Ramos** stated that the City of North Las Vegas does currently have an outreach program and that they do provide outreach services to members of the community, regardless of whether they are veterans or not. The City have the Veterans Resource Center established, and we have encourage other providers to attend that Resource Center so that we could assure we are facilitating those services appropriately.

**Veterans Services Coordinator Walter Lescano** stated that he likes the recommendation that **Mr. Ramos** suggested.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

No comments offered.

## **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

No report or comments offered.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**Marcus Goodwin** provided comments to the Committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chairman Kelly** adjourned the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 P.M.

## **CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of the City of North Las Vegas Veterans Community Commission Regular Meeting held on May 22, 2024. I further certify that a quorum was present.

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Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk