



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

July 20, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Chairman Kelly
Vice Chair Holcomb
Member Vega
Member Kamanao
Member Allen

STAFF PRESENT

Chief Deputy City Attorney Christopher Craft
Veterans Services Coordinator Walter Lescano
Community Services and Engagement Director Wilson Ramos
City Clerk Jackie Rodgers
Deputy City Clerk II Daisy Rivera

WELCOME

Chairman Kelly welcome those who were attending the meeting.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW

City Clerk Jackie Rodgers confirmed compliance with Open Meeting Law.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - BY INVITATION

Led by **Member Allen**

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Kelly open the meeting to receive public comments. No comments were offered.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. Veterans Community Commission to Elect from its Membership a Chairperson. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Appoint)

MOTION: ***Member Vega moved and Member Allen second the motion to appoint Mikey Kelly as Chair of the Veterans Community Commission.***

ACTION: ***APPOINT; Mikey Kelley***

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

2. Veterans Community Commission to Elect from its Membership a Vice Chairperson.
(For Possible Action; Recommendation – Appoint)

MOTION: *Chairman Kelly moved and Member Vega second the motion to appoint Marie Holcomb as Vice Chairwoman of the Veterans Community Commission.*

ACTION: **APPOINT; Mikey Kelley**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

AGENDA

3. Veterans Community Commission Special Meeting Agenda of July 20, 2023.
(For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

MOTION: *Chairman Kelly moved and Vice Chairwoman Holcomb second the motion approving the agenda as presented.*

ACTION: **APPROVED**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Veterans Community Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2019. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
5. Veterans Community Commission Special Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2022. (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)
6. Veterans Community Commission Regular Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2023.
(For Possible Action; Recommendation – Approve)

MOTION: *Chairman Kelly moved and Vice Chairwoman Holcomb second the motion approving the Consent Agenda as presented.*

ACTION: **APPROVE**

AYES: 5

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

BUSINESS

7. Report on the Usage of the Veterans & Community Resource Center. (For Discussion Only)

Chairman Kelly thanked **Veteran Services Coordinator Walter Lescano** who has done so much to make the veterans building a home for so many veterans that provides them a sense of safety. He also thanked **Community Services and Engagement Director Serafin Calvo** for his dedication in serving the Commission and others in the community. *(The full report may be viewed from the City's website at <https://northlasvegasnv.new.swagit.com/videos/267497>, and a copy of the report is on file in the City Clerk's Office for viewing.).*

ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY

8. Veterans Outreach Ideas (For Discussion Only)

The Commission discussed some ideas for outreach opportunities. **Member Vega** suggested a motorcycle run, and **Member Allen** offered as a suggestion outdoor activities along with a meet and greet of the elected officials. **Member Kamanao** inquired as to the purchase of t-shirts so to identify the commission members during outside activities. **Kamanao** also suggested some type of outdoor competitive game (i.e. Air Force vs. Marines, Navy etc.).

ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY

9. Update from VA Community Resource and Referral Center. (For Discussion Only)

Chairman Kelly explained the nature of this item to the Commission and discussed the nature of the VA Community Resource and Referral Center.

ACTION: DISCUSSION ONLY

STAFF ITEMS

Ms. Rodgers announced the new software that was softly launched during the City Council Meeting on July 19, 2023. She provided an overview of Wordly.AI to the Commission.

COMMISSION ITEMS

No report from the Commission.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Kelly open the meeting to receive public comment, and the following individuals provided comments.

Ricardo Adams requested additional time as he has information related to programs that he ran as related to veterans. He wished to offer his service to the Commission.

Ernest Smith with the Salvation Army 35 West Owens, Las Vegas 89030 commented on the types of programming that the organization provides to veterans.

Hunter Cain, with Grand Canyon University (GCU) and spoke of the type of programs they have in an effort to assist veterans.

Su Phelps, Publisher Veterans Reporter News she reminisced over meetings that she had attended a few years back, and asked whether a housing related program currently exists for veterans. She described the program as one that would assist the homeowner with repairs to the home. She had received several emails from a female veteran in the community who has a problem with mole and does not have the money to make repairs to her home. She asked for assistance on behalf of the resident.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kelly adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing are true and correct minutes of the City of North Las Vegas Veterans Community Commission Special Meeting held on July 20, 2023. I further certify that a quorum was present.

Jackie Rodgers, City Clerk