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**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. January 25, 2018 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A., Marina CA 93933**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Mayor Jerry Edelen, City of Del Rey Oaks (*Chair*)

Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veteran Affairs Commission (MCM/VAC)

Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)

Wes Morrill, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee

Richard Garza, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)

Colonel Lawrence Brown, US Army

Command Sgt. Major Roberto Marshall, US Army

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Jack Stewart, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Principal Analyst Robert Norris.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Officer Michael Houlemard announced the water transfer for the VTC Housing Projects, is being recorded and officially transferred to the VTC.

Wes Morrill from Military Veterans Affairs announced his retirement effective March 1, 2018, Joe Farotte will be replacement. Mr. Morrill will however be available after his retirement to assist in a smooth transition.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no verbal comments from the public.

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC) Status Report

i. Cemetery Administrator's Status

Mr. Robert Norris reported the CCCVC has received over 2270 veteran applications, 1693 dependent applications, along with 710 internments last year. In addition, the janitorial services have begun.

ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status

Mr. Norris reported the land use status is pending while the County Fort Ord Committee completes remaining work.

iii. *Fort Ord Committee Verbal Report: Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU*

Mr. Norris advised they have staffed the committee for drafting the proposed changes of the memorandum of understanding, however there has been no movement on it since roughly October of 2017.

b. **Fundraising Status**

i. *CCVCF Status Report*

Richard Garza provided the report and indicated that 2017 was the most successful fund raising year ever and they plan on building on that this year. The budgeted amount of \$750,000 for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is insufficient, additional funds will be needed to complete the next phases.

c. **Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction**

Jay Fagan provided an update on the current project and reported the estimated cost is 5 million more dollars to complete, however there was only a 5 year time period to spend those funds. The VTC will be seeking an extension to allow the funds to be used when the project is ready to continue, along with seeking additional funding from the state to pay for the entire project. The Demo and Rehab Construction has begun on one more 6 unit duplex on Hayes Circle, applications are in with California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation and additional partners who are interested in supporting the Veterans Transition Center to do two more duplexes on Hayes Circle. In addition the VTC will be meeting next week with the City of Marina. The City expressed interested in talking about the duplexes at the end of Hayes Circle that they own.

d. **VA-DOD Clinic**

James Bogan provided an update and advised that the pharmacy is still closed. The cafeteria is projected to be open next week.

e. **Historical Preservation Project**

Mr. Guinn received a letter from an elected official that stated that the Historical Preservation Project is written into the master plan and is a designated Museum Area. Public works will clean the area; and a fence maybe installed around the property to secure it.

f. **Calendar of Events**

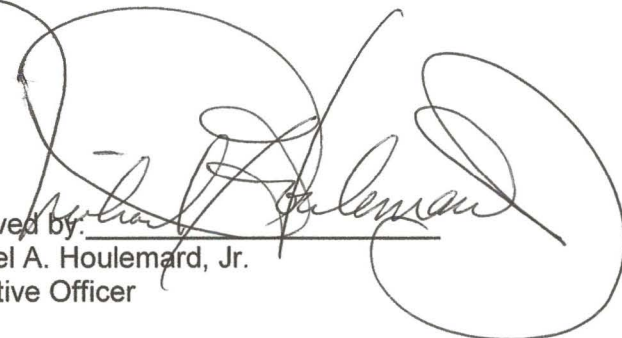
- February 19, 2018 8:00am to 3:00pm: Jack Stewart College Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament Monterey Pines Golf Course
- Veterans Transition Center is seeking volunteers to work the 4 tents at the Pebble Beach Golf Tournament

6. **ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT** at 3:41 P.M.

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