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**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. June 28, 2018 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Edelen, Mayor of City of Del Rey Oaks
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fund Raising
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs Commission (MCM & VAC)
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)
Jason Cameron, Monterey County Office of Military & Veterans Affairs
Richard Garza, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)
James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
Jack Stewart, Monterey County California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee
Erica Chaney, CCCVC Administrator

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Jack Stewart.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Edelen thanked Edith Johnsen stepping in as the acting Chair for the past two meetings in his absence.

Mr. Norris advised that the change of command at the Presidio of Monterey took place on June 9th, with Col. Ford replacing Col. Brown. Mr. Norris welcomed Col. Ford to the VIAC Committee.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. May 24, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Edith Johnsen and seconded by Committee member Richard Garza. The VIAC approved the May 24, 2018 meeting minutes as amended by unanimous vote.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

- i. *Cemetery Administrator's Status*
No Report.

Mr. Norris indicated we received clarification on what the Fort Ord committee staff were instructed to do by the Fort Ord committee of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors,

regarding the mitigation parcels and the Cemetery MOU. They directed staff to contact the CDVA, and County staff is still waiting for CDVA's response. In reference to the CDVA Budget, the revised May budget was distributed among VIAC committee for further review, noting that the final budget signed by the Governor is slightly different. Mr. Norris asked the VIAC members, should they had any questions/concerns please direct them to him and he will provide assistances in getting them answered.

ii. *Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status*

Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced the City of Seaside has reviewed and accepted the consultant's report on Oak Woodlands. The Fort Ord Committee will be reviewing the report at its next scheduled meeting.

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

Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced there is no update currently on the status of the MOU.

b. **Fundraising Status**

i. *CCVCF Status Report*

No Report.

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

Kurt Schake, VTC Executive Director announced the VTC has expanded from 58 rooms to 84 to service homeless veterans. The additional rooms will open in July of 2018. Mr. Schake thanked Erica Chaney, and Assembly Member Stone for their assistance in obtaining funding for the proposed expansion/rehabilitation of some of the derelict duplexes. The VTC was seeking \$700,000, however received \$1.5 million to open 8 new units.

Mr. Schake also provided an update on the status on the Lightfighter Village 71 units of permanent housing at the end of Haze Circle. The project is currently proceeding on schedule.

d. **VA-DOD Clinic**

Mr. Norris advised there have been no changes in the situation at the VA-DOD Clinic, nor the VA's position on the status of the pharmacy and other services that were promised.

The cafeteria is now open for breakfast and lunch.

e. **Historical Preservation Project**

No Report.

f. **Calendar of Events**

- Salute the Nation will take place at the Presidio of Monterey on July 16, 2018 at 4:00pm.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Veteran's Cemetery/State Budget

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:19 p.m.

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