



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)

3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013

920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933 (FORA Conference Room)

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 3:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Members of the audience wishing to address the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) VIAC on matters within the jurisdiction of FORA, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment Period. Public comments are limited to three minutes. Public comments on specific agenda items will be heard under that item.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. August 29, 2013 VIAC Minutes

ACTION

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report
- b. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

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7. NEW BUSINESS – none

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: DECEMBER 19, 2013

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, FORA Board
James Bogan, United Veterans Council
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets
Wes Morrill, Mo. Co. Vets Services
Edith Johnsen, Vets Families/Fundraising
Greg Nakanishi, CCVC Foundation
Jack Stewart, Cemetery Advisory Comm.
Thomas Moore, FORA Board

FORA Staff:

Michael Houlemard
Robert Norris
Crissy Maras

Others:

Sonja Arndt, Rep. Farr
Nicole Charles, Sen. Monning
Erica Parker, Asm. Stone
Richard Garza, CCVCF
Kathleen Lee, Sup. Potter
George Dixon, DMVA

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Edelen asked Sid Williams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Wes Morrill introduced George Dixon with the Military Veterans Affairs.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: June 27, 2013

MOTION: Sid Williams moved, seconded by Greg Nakanishi, to accept the June 27, 2013 minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

The California Department of Finance gave certification to forward the cemetery construction grant application to the US Department of Veterans Affairs. A response is expected by October 1st. Staff will continue to work on verifying the water supply, refining the cost estimate, and processing the property transfer deeds and contract with the State.

Nicole Charles reported that there is currently a \$2.6M funding gap, which represents costs that are not reimbursable by the federal grant. She noted the importance of demonstrating local support through fundraising. Ms. Charles and Sonya Arndt discussed possible bill amendments to address language that is out of date, the endowment and Operations & Maintenance costs.

Committee members asked FORA to explore alternative funding options, like the possibility of a loan, to meet the funding gap.

b. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

Veterans Affairs anticipates selecting a master developer in September 2013 with construction beginning in 2014.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Fort Ord Initiatives Status Report

Both initiatives were qualified and the FORA Board acted to place them on the ballot for the November 5th election. The City of Seaside challenged that both initiatives violate local land use authority and requested an expeditious review prior to the election. The request for expeditious review was denied. FORA anticipates election costs to be \$1-1.2M

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Crissy Maras, Grants and Contracts Coordinator

Approved by: _____

Michael A. Houlemard, Jr.