



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. July 27, 2017 | 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:

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

Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families (VF)

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

Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)

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

Richard Garza, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)

FORA Staff:

Michael Houlemard

Robert Norris

Hermelinda Flores

Others in Attendance:

Jack Murphy, Veterans Transition Center (VTC)

J. Alan Fagan, Veterans Transition Center (VTC)

Cliff Guinn, Fort Ord Retiree Counsel

Erica Parker, Assembly Mark Stone's Office

Steve Gommer, Vietnam Veteran –Epic Rider

Tish Saimman, Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (CCVCF)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Robert Norris.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Steve Gommer, Vietnam Era Veteran, announced the Epic Ride on September 4, 2017.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no verbal comments from the public

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. Jun 22, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Edith Johnsen and second by Committee member Sid Williams and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the June 22, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

i. Cemetery Administrator's Status

Mr. Robert Norris, Project Analyst, reported on the vacant Cemetery Administrator position.

ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status

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

Mr. Norris discussed that the Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status and Fort Ord Committee Verbal Reports were pending in regards to addressing the mitigation parcel issues.

iv. Senator Monning Veterans Advisory Meeting

Mr. Norris provided comments on the meeting.

b. Fundraising Status

i. CCVCF Status Report

Jack Murphy, Veterans Transition Center (VTC), informed the committee about the CCVCF Funding status.

c. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

i. Historic Flag Pole Variance Update

No comments made.

ii. Operational Schedule

Mr. Norris announced the VA/DoD Veterans Clinic grand opening on August 3 2017.

d. Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction

J. Alan Fagan, Veterans Transition Center (VTC), informed on the Veterans Transition Center housing construction.

e. Historical Preservation Project (HPP)

Cliff Guinn, Fort Ord Retiree Counsel, informed the Committee of the status of the historical preservation project.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

There were no items reported from members.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:35 P.M.