



APPROVED

**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. April 26, 2018 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A., Marina CA 93933**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Edith Johnson called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Edith Johnson, Veterans Families/Fund Raising (*Acting Chair*)
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs Commission (MCM&VAC)
Mary Estrada, United Veterans Council (UVC)
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
Ian Oglesby, US Army Veteran
Erica Chaney, CCCVC Administrator

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mary Estrada.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Sid Williams and second by Committee member Richard Garza and carried by the following vote, the VIAC moved to approve the March 22, 2018 meeting minutes.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

i. *Cemetery Administrator's Status*

Erica Chaney announced Bugles Across America, will attend and play taps at memorial services upon request. Other updates include Pest control services have begun, and a continued effort to obtain the HVAC and Fire Alarm renewal services.

The CCCVC is working on reestablishing the Memorial and Monuments Advisory Committee and will distribute applications to fill the seven vacancies; which are comprised of one Monterey County representative, one City of Seaside representative, one Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA) representative, two CAC representative's, and two CalVet

representative's. If a person has previously or currently serves on the committee and would like to continue new application is needed. The goal is to have the committee meet within the next month.

ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status

Still waiting to advance the decision on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Oak Woodlands Mitigation. They currently are waiting for an appraisal to be performed by the CDVA appraiser for the mitigation parcel.

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

Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced the MOU is still waiting to be placed on the County Board of Supervisors Fort Ord Committee Agenda.

b. Fundraising Status

i. CCVCF Status Report

Richard Garza updated the committee about the 2017 fundraising efforts, which he described as very successful.

c. Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction

Jack Murphy, VTC Deputy Executive Director advised they are reapplying for an expanded Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP) Funding from CA Department of Housing and Community Development, for Lightfighter Village, a 71-unit low and extremely low income permanent housing the VTC is seeking to build for Veteran families.

The VTC is requesting the VIAC support in form of a letter to the Board of Supervisors asking for the Housing Authority to reconsider issuing Project-Based Vouchers for Lightfighter Village. VTC agreed to draft a letter and submit to VIAC for support.

d. VA-DOD Clinic

Mr. Norris updated the committee about the letter of support regarding services and operations at the clinic. Mr. Norris received a response from Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Healthcare Systems, Beth Kane Program Analyst indicating they are sending the request for information up the chain. Mr. Norris will report on the item upon receipt of a response.

e. Historical Preservation Project

Cliff Guin advised he is recently met with Congressman Panetta, who lended his support and by looking for ways to help the program move forward. Mr. Guin met with others, who advised to go to the Army Military Museum to seek their support also.

f. Calendar of Events

- VTC Car Show/Open House, Saturday, May 19th, 2018 9:00am to 3:00pm.
- CCCVC Memorial Day Ceremony, Monday, May 28, 2018 at 8:00am.
- VTC Open House, Saturday, June 9th, 2018 12:00pm.
- 2018 Retiree Appreciation Day, Saturday, June 9, 2018 8:00am to 12:30pm at the General Stillwell Community Center.
- Project Welcome Home Troops, June 6-10, 2018, at the Veterans Transition Center.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:55 P.M.

Minutes Prepared by:
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