



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY (FORA) VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

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

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE
4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public wishing to address the Committee on matters within its jurisdiction, but not on this agenda, may do so for up to 3 minutes and will not receive Committee action. Whenever possible, written correspondence should be submitted to the Committee in advance of the meeting, to provide adequate time for its consideration.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES ACTION
 - a. October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. January 23, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION/ACTION

Business items are for Committee discussion, debate, direction to staff, and/or action. Comments from the public are not to exceed 3 minutes or as otherwise determined by the Chair.

- a. Affordable Housing
 - i. Veterans Transition Center Housing Development
- b. Post-FORA VIAC Committee
- c. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report
 - i. CCVCF Status Report
- d. Ord Military Community
- e. Fundraising Status
 - i. CCVCF
- f. VA-DOD Clinic
- g. Military & Veterans Affairs Office – Monthly Report
- h. Calendar of Events

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Receive communication from Committee members as it pertains to future agenda items.

8. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2020



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. October 24, 2019 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ian Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:07 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Ian Oglesby, Seaside Mayor
Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fundraising
James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans
Kai Yuan, US Army
Richard Garza, CCVC Foundation
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military and Veteran Advisory Commission
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by James Bogan.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Assistant Executive Officer Josh Metz reported the Board is engaged in ongoing discussion regarding providing funds to the County of Monterey ("County") for ongoing support of the veterans community following FORA's dissolution.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no comments from the public.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

ACTION

- a. August 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. September 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by member Johnsen and second by member Bogan, the Veterans Issues Advisory Committee moved to approve the August 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes and the September 26, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes with corrections.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

INFORMATION/ACTION

- a. **Affordable Housing**

- i. ***Veterans Transition Center Housing Development***

Marina Veterans Transition Center ("VTC") Deputy Executive Director Jack Murphy provided an update on supportive housing programs. Mr. Murphy reported final occupancy inspections

will be completed next week for an eight bedroom duplex. He stated due to funding limitations these units will be reserved for paroled veterans of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Mr. Murphy explained the duplex has remained unoccupied since its 1998 transfer to VTC, which represents a net gain to the Hayes Circle development. Mr. Murphy reported VTC staff is optimistic regarding obtaining an enhanced use lease for the Former Fort Ord Clinic to provide housing and other veterans services.

b. Post-FORA VIAC Committee

i. Letter to FORA Board of Directors

Chair Oglesby reported that Executive Officer Houlemard is in discussions with the County to provide supportive funding for a post-FORA VIAC Committee liaison. Mr. Oglesby stated he expects the Board to approve funding, as the Committee is vital to Monterey County's veterans community. In support of this cause, Mr. Metz encouraged the VIAC to compose a letter to the Board and attend Board meetings to express concerns.

c. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

i. CCVCF Status Report

California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery ("CCCVC") Manager Erica Chaney reported applications for donor benches are no longer being accepted and all inquiries will be forwarded to CCVCF. The Memorials and Monuments Advisory Committee ("MMAC") may consider accepting donor applications after Phase Two completion in order to allow CCCVC's design team sufficient planning time. Ms. Chaney reported a tentative date of December 10, 2019 for the first MMAC meeting, and will notify members when confirmed. Veterans Day Ceremony will take place Monday, November 11, 2019 at CCCVC beginning at 10:30 a.m. with guest speaker William Zeigler, accomplished veteran and former NAACP Chapter President. Ms. Chaney stated a Phase Two construction start date remains to be determined. Committee member Jack Stewart suggested CCCVC hold a Phase Two groundbreaking ceremony and Ms. Chaney stated that she would take the suggestion to staff.

d. Ord Military Community

Presidio of Monterey ("POM") Retirement Services Officer Mr. Yuan stated POM Tax Center can no longer provide free support services to retired veterans. Due to 2020 budget constraints POM Tax Center will now provide free assistance to active duty servicemembers exclusively.

e. Fundraising Status

i. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation Status Report

Committee Member Richard Garza reported the Heroes Open will take place Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Bayonet and Black Horse Golf Club in Seaside. Mr. Garza reported the Epic Ride is in the process of determining funds raised and stated CCVCF fundraising is on target to address any Phase Two issues that may arise. CCVCF now plans to focus on ancillary projects, such as a chapel and amphitheater. Mr. Garza stated the MMAC will review proposals for an on-site donor recognition wall.

f. VA-DOD Clinic

Committee member James Bogan reported the next Town Hall meeting will be held at Post 593 in Prunedale. Mr. Bogan stated he is seeking more information regarding the Veterans Affairs Mission Act and will report back to the Committee.

g. Military & Veterans Affairs Office – Monthly Report

No report.

h. Calendar of Events

- Mr. Murphy reported VTC was one of several local nonprofits selected to receive donations through the Monterey County Gives campaign. He urged donors to wait until the campaign begins on November 6, 2019 to ensure VTC receives maximum donations. Visit www.montereycountygives.com for additional information.
- Mr. Murphy noted VTC partnered with Dentistry for Veterans to provide free dental services for veterans on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019 at the office of Dr. Curtis Jansen at 34 Dormody Court, Monterey. The program has limited capacity, so please contact Mr. Murphy as soon as possible for treatment pre-screening.
- The 2nd Annual 11-11 Gala VTC fundraising event will take place on Veterans Day at the Monterey Marriott from 5:00 p.m.- 9:30 p.m. featuring keynote speaker Dr. Charles Hoge, an expert in post traumatic stress disorder and acute anxiety disorders. Visit www.vtcmonterey.org/11-11-gala for additional information.
- Mr. Bogan announced the 28th Annual Veteran of the Year Awards ceremony and dinner will be held Friday, November 8, 2019 at Bayonet Black Horse Golf Club. He noted Representative Sam Farr will be attending to honor three recipients with the 1st Annual Sam Farr Award for extraordinary service of the veterans community. Contact Mr. Bogan or Michael McFadden of MVAO at mcfaddenmm@co.monterey.ca.us for more information.
- The 10th Annual Heroes' Open golf tournament will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 with all proceeds donated to CCVCF. Visit www.heroesopenmonterey.com for details.
- Mr. Yuan reported POM will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at the Berlin Wall.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Oglesby stated the VIAC would receive an update regarding a letter to the Board at the next Committee meeting. Mr. Williams requested VIAC members receive notification if the Board has this item on any upcoming agendas.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:38 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
Natalie Van Fleet



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. January 23, 2020 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Joshua Metz called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Richard Garza, CCVCF Foundation
Sid Williams, Monterey County Military and Veteran Advisory Commission
Jack Stewart, Fort Ord Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee
Jason Cameron, Monterey County

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jason Cameron.

3. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Military & Veterans Affairs Office (“MVAO”) Director Jason Cameron announced disabled veterans of any rating level are now allowed access to MWR, Commissary, and Post Exchange services. Non-disabled veterans seeking access to these benefits are directed to MVAO for claims filing.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

ACTION

- a. October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by member Stewart and seconded by member Murphy, the Veterans Issues Advisory Committee moved to approve the October 24, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

INFORMATION/ACTION

- a. **Affordable Housing**

- i. **Veterans Transition Center (“VTC”) Housing Development**

VTC Deputy Executive Director Jack Murphy reported VTC will collect public bids for a Hayes Circle duplex project in the coming months. Mr. Murphy stated \$3.9M in No Place Like Home funding was awarded for VTC’s 71-unit Lightfighter Village affordable housing project. Mr. Murphy reported continued coordination with the Veterans Affairs Office (“VA”) regarding the former Marina VA clinic Enhanced Use Lease and noted VTC is exploring possible alternative developers and partners.

- b. **Post-FORA VIAC Committee**

Executive Officer Joshua Metz reported FORA’s mid-year budget will be presented at the March 12, 2020 Board Meeting, and will inform discussion regarding Post-FORA VIAC funding. Mr. Metz heard questions and comments from members.

c. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (“CCCVC”) Status Report

CCCVC Manager Erica Chaney reported a total of 1,510 decedents (comprised of 1,212 veterans and 298 dependants) have been interred since the Cemetery opened in 2016. Ms. Chaney reported the Monuments and Memorials Advisory Committee met on December 10, 2020 and the next meeting date is yet to be determined. Notice to Proceed on CCCVC Phase II development was approved January 20, 2020 and tree removal may begin as early as the following week.

d. Ord Military Community

No report.

e. Fundraising Status

i. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation (“CCVCF”) Status Report

Committee member Richard Garza reported CCVCF is focused on assisting CCCVC groundbreaking preparations. Mr. Garza stated CCVCF is considering how to become directly involved in assisting the United Veterans Council Heroes Open Golf Tournament, as well as options for extending CCVCF’s assistance to additional organizations.

f. VA-DOD Clinic

No report.

g. Military & Veterans Affairs Office (“MVAO”) – Monthly Report

MVAO Director Jason Cameron reviewed a December 2019 Monthly Activity Report, noting the Office was closed for holidays, resulting in decreased activity. Mr. Cameron reported MVAO now offers video conference appointments assisted by two representatives. MVAO is working with the County to implement this service in public libraries regionally.

h. Calendar of Events

- Mr. Murphy reported the first 2020 Monterey County Stand Down for Homeless Veterans Committee meeting will take place every fourth Saturday from 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. at Marinez Hall beginning January. The Standdown will be held August 7-9, 2020 at the Monterey County Fairgrounds. Mr. Murphy reported the AT&T Pro-Am at Pebble Beach will take place February 4-9, 2020. Visit www.vtcmonterey.org for volunteering information.
- Mr. Metz reported the Drones Automation & Robotics Technologies (“DART”) DroneCamp and Symposium will be held at CSUMB June 22-26, 2020. Visit www.montereybaydart.org for additional details.

i. Proposed 2020 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2020 Committee Meeting Schedule and amended February’s meeting date to February 27, 2020, to correctly reflect the regular meeting frequency of every 4th Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

6. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

None.

7. ADJOURNMENT at 3:44 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
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