



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC)

3:00 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 , 2015

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

REVISED 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. September 25, 2014 VIAC Minutes

ACTION

b. October 23, 2014 VIAC Minutes

ACTION

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

INFORMATION

i. Groundbreaking Celebration

INFORMATION

ii. Recommend authorization to expend up to \$12,000 (\$11,000 to be reimbursed by other sources) to FORA Executive Committee

ACTION

b. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

INFORMATION

7. NEW BUSINESS – none

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

9. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: MARCH 26, 2015

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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NOTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2014 | FORA Conference Room
920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jerry 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 Chair
Edith Johnsen, Vets Families/Fundraising
Candace Ingram, CCVFC
Jack Stewart, CAC
CSM Andrew Wynn, POM
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets
George Dixon, MVAO

FORA Staff:

Robert Norris
Crissy Maras

Others:

Nicole Charles, Sen. Monning
Sonya Arndt, Congressman Farr
Preston Young, POM Vet. Svcs.
Lisa Rheinheimer, MST

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Edelen asked Robert Norris to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

CSM Andrew Wynn introduced Presidio of Monterey Veterans Services Officer Preston Young.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2014 VIAC MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Edith Johnsen moved, seconded by Sid Williams, to approve the minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

i. Groundbreaking Ceremony Planning

Congressman Farr's representative Sonya Arndt reported that CalVet submitted the first phase grant application to the USDVA. The application must go through seven different federal agencies to gain approval by the October 30th fiscal year end. September 14th was the deadline to challenge the environmental documents; no challenges were reported.

Jack Stewart reported that he had met with two USDVA undersecretaries to learn more about the cemetery plans. They discussed GPS location services, and coordinating a press conference and groundbreaking ceremony in February 2015.

b. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

Mr. Norris reported that FORA has not received any project schedule updates. A draft letter from FORA to the City of Marina, requesting their cooperation in the clinic flag pole installation, was

included in the meeting packet. Sid Williams noted that the City had requested a letter from the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital concurring in the flag pole procurement. Ms. Arndt stated that she would work to obtain Palo Alto's written concurrence in the near term.

c. Identify Property for a former Fort Ord Museum

Mr. Stewart reported that a museum site had been identified on the private property area within the cemetery footprint. The site is still contemplated in current plans, and details are being refined.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.



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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING NOTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, October 23, 2014 | FORA Conference Room
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was not obtained. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, FORA Chair
Rich Garza, CCCVFC
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets
Wes Morrill, MVAO

FORA Staff:

Robert Norris
Crissy Maras

Others:

Candace Ingram, CCCVFC
Lisa Rheinheimer, MST

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

MST representative Lisa Rheinheimer distributed flyers describing the proposed 1/8 cent sales tax measure before voters on November 4th, which would maintain transportation services for seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

5. APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2014 VIAC MEETING MINUTES

With no quorum present, approval of the minutes is postponed to the next meeting.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

i. Groundbreaking Ceremony Planning

Robert Norris is working with the State General Services and Veterans Affairs offices to schedule a groundbreaking event in February 2015.

b. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report

Mr. Norris reported that FORA has not received any project schedule updates. Sid Williams met with the Palo Alto Veterans Affairs office, which resulted in Palo Alto concurrence to send a letter of support for the installation of the flag pole at the Marina clinic. Upcoming work includes determining if the pole will require a beacon light under federal aviation law since it is within a certain distance of the Marina airport, and pole restoration efforts.

c. Identify Property for a former Fort Ord Museum

Mr. Williams reported that Veterans Transition Center Executive Director Terry Bare has offered storage space and should be invited to the next meeting.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Candace Ingram announced that Steve Jorgensen met with the Cemetery Advisory Committee and when describing the cemetery plans, he noted that the memorial wall had not been included in cemetery planning. The Foundation had raised funds with the idea that the wall would include plaques with donor names and it is important that the wall be constructed in the initial phase of work. Mr. Norris will review the plans and work with the State agencies to incorporate the wall via change order. Mr. Williams distributed a list of Monterey County Veterans Day events, which will be forwarded to the VIAC email distribution list.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.