



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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

Thursday, June 27, 2019 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. May 23, 2019 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 Construction
- b. Post-FORA VIAC Committee – Attachment A for discussion
- c. Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report – Attachment B
- d. Ord Military Community
- e. Fundraising Status
 - i. CCVCF Status Report
- f. VA-DOD Clinic
- g. Calendar of Events

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: July 25, 2019



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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. May 23, 2019 | FORA Conference Room
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ian Oglesby called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Ian Oglesby, Mayor of Seaside

Edith Johnsen, Veterans Families/Fundraising

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

Sid Williams, Monterey County Military & Veterans Affairs

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Candy Ingram.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced that there is a Memorial Day event at the Presidio today at 4:00pm. He also noted that weekend events were distributed in a handout to the group.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. March 28, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: On motion by Committee member Williams and seconded by Committee member Stewart, the VIAC approved the April 25, 2019 meeting minutes, subject to corrections.

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. **Affordable Housing**

i. *Veterans Transition Center Housing Construction*

Mr. Norris reported that the large project has received consistency determination approval at FORA. They have a two-year window to pull permits and begin construction.

b. **Employment**

i. *Ron Cheshire – Helmets to Hardhats*

Mr. Norris reported the Ron Cheshire feels he needs to work with a group that is more interested in going into the building trades.

It was agreed to remove this agenda item until Mr. Cheshire requests another proposal.

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

i. *Cemetery Administrator's Status Report*

Principal Analyst Robert Norris informed the group that despite our early heads-up, the VA has been slow to respond to reports of an unauthorized off-road BMX track in an undeveloped area of the cemetery. Plans are being made by CDVA to post signs. Concerns about the possibility of Phase 2

submission being compromised were discussed.

ii. *Veteran's Cemetery Land Use Status*

Reported above.

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

Mr. Norris announced that the CDVA and the County have a proposal to handle the remaining mitigation issues. They are expecting to take that proposal to the Board of Supervisors, and CDVA has the money for the solution. They are working to review the EIR, and expect all comments to be done by June 3rd.

iv. *Legislative Report*

Robert Norris reported that at the last meeting the Committee voted that we should approach our elected officials to go see what relief we could get from the LAIRD requirements. The committee wants to send a letter to Senator Monning's office voicing our concerns. Senator Monning's office is working on combining our relief from LAIRD with issues that other cemeteries in the state are also having.

d. **Ord Military Community**

Nothing new to report.

e. **Fundraising Status**

i. *Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation Status Report*

Candy Ingram informed the Committee that they are continuing to get donations.

There is a Memorial Day event on May 27th at 8:00am.

Ms. Ingram announced that they will be participating in a Retirees Appreciation on June 8th.

Planning for the Ride is going well. Congressman Panetta is contacting other representatives who represent other areas along the route, so they may participate at their local American Legion halls.

Also, a new video is hitting Comcast in June, and they plan on working with KSBW for local coverage. Ms. Ingram informed the group that the Foundation will be assisting with the Honor our Fallen Run. All permits are in place, but they are still looking for sponsors. Registration is posted, and 25 have registered so far. There is also an ad from the Foundation listed in the South County Fair insert of the Californian, the Herald, and also in South County and San Luis Obispo.

Candy also informed the group that the Riders are having a fundraising luncheon at Post 694 on June 9th. Tickets are \$15.

f. **VA-DOD Clinic**

Mr. James Bogan mentioned that he is trying to get the City of Monterey to have the area policed. Two golf cart batteries have recently been stolen.

g. **Calendar of Events**

Robert announced that he will be visiting Washington DC next week for the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans Conference. He will be moderating a panel on federal partnerships on veteran homelessness. He will also be introducing Secretary Wilkie and HUD Secretary Ben Carson to the conference.

James Bogan reminded the group that each community is having their own Memorial Day events. He noted that he will be passing out letters for signatures for the EIR at the Cemetery event.

Mr. Jack Stewart announced that the Marina American Legion will be hosting their annual Memorial Day ceremony at 11:00am, and this year's guest speaker will be Sid Williams.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Nothing to report

ADJOURNMENT at 3:35 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
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Veterans Issues Advisory Committee

Committee Charge

The Veterans Issues Advisory Committee (“VIAC”) will identify, discuss, evaluate, and advise regarding the development of former Fort Ord issues that directly impact Monterey Bay Area veterans. The primary issues that are to be monitored are construction of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery, the operation of the Veterans Administration/ Department of Defense Clinic, and the status of the veteran and active duty military communities. The VIAC is charged with reviewing resources necessary for the successful implementation of these initiatives and will review data or recommendations that may come from the Fort Ord Reuse Authority Administrative Committee, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors, and other FORA County jurisdictions, and provide input on these projects and others related to veterans or military issues as may be assigned by the FORA Chair (on behalf of the Board of Directors). FORA staff will provide technical and administrative support to the VIAC.

California Military and Veterans Code Section 1456-Proposed Amendment

(a) Proposals for the construction, placement, or donation of monuments or memorials, excluding headstones, and other amenities to the veteran's cemetery shall be subject to review by the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee.

(b) All proposals for the construction, placement, or donation of monuments, memorials, and amenities to the veteran's cemetery shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(c) The department shall adopt regulations for the policies and procedures to be followed with respect to the design, placement, and approval of monuments and memorials proposed to be placed on veterans cemetery grounds.

(d) Endowment Fund balances exceeding that determined to be sufficient to meet annual administrative and oversight costs, as determined pursuant to Section 1453, may be expended for the following purposes:

- 1) to reimburse funding sources as provided in the instrument that made the gift. If reimbursement cannot be achieved, the money will remain in the Endowment Fund, or 2) upon appropriation by the Legislature, for the purpose of establishing monuments, memorials, and amenities.

(e) Local funds will no longer be required to leverage Federal Funding for the development and operations of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery