



FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

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

Thursday, November 16, 2017 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 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes

6. BUSINESS ITEMS INFORMATION

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. **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report**
 - i. Cemetery Administrator's Status Report
 - ii. Veteran's Cemetery Land Use Status
 - iii. Oak Woodlands Mitigation & Endowment MOU
- b. **Fundraising Status**
 - i. CCVCF Status Report
- c. **Veterans Transition Center Housing Construction**
- d. **VA-DOD Clinic**
- e. **Historical Preservation Project**
- f. **Calendar of Events**
 - Wreaths across America – December 13, 2017

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 28, 2017



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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES
3:00 P.M. October 26, 2017 | FORA Conference Room
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Jerry Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Ian Oglesby, US Army Veteran

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)

Colonel Lawrence Brown, US Army

Command Sgt. Major Roberto Marshall, US Army

James Bogan, Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Erica Chaney, CCCVC Administrator

Nicole Hollingsworth, Office of Senator Monning

Erica Parker, Office of Assemblymember Stone

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Sid Williams.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Principal Analyst Robert Norris introduced Michael Magee, the new Assistant Deputy Secretary for Veterans Outreach, Memorials, and Cemeteries for CalVet Veteran Services Division. Mr. Magee provided a brief overview of his background and experience.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no verbal comments from the public.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a. September 28, 2017 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 September 28, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected.*

MOTION: PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

i. Cemetery Administrator's Status

Erica Chaney provided an update and announced the "Wreaths across America" event on December 13, 2017 including information on how the community can contribute and support the event.

ii. Veterans Cemetery Land Use Status

Principal Analyst Robert Norris provided an update on the land value resolution that was passed by the FORA Board and reported the action to be taken by the City of Seaside and the County of Monterey to also provide a resolution regarding the Cemetery's land value.

(FORA Resolution 17-13 attached).

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

Associate Planner Mary Israel provided a report on the October 26, 2017 Fort Ord Committee meeting. Staff responded to questions and comments from the VIAC and the public. A follow up will be provided on the request regarding this item at the next VIAC meeting.

b. Fundraising Status

i. CCVCF Status Report

Richard Garza provided the report and indicated that the Cemetery Foundation Board met and agreed to transfer \$633,840.00 to the State of California. The process is still ongoing as the Community Foundation has to have a second signatory before the check can be provided. Mr. Garza also reported on the Epic Ride conclusion. Mr. Cliff Guinn read the poem he authored that is printed on the back of the Epic Ride shirts that are available for purchase. **(Attached)**

c. Veterans Transition Center (VTC) Housing Construction

Jack Stewart provided an update and there are 58 beds with the grant per diem program. The beds are designated for different use and the VTC was able to get the support for the type of services requested. A report on the Quad was also provided and an award for a grant that funds rapid re-housing. Construction will begin on a 3 bedroom vacant duplex in mid-to-late November, the funding has been secured and currently the final contract provision are in progress.

d. VA-DOD Clinic

James Bogan provided an update and advised that although the pharmacy is not open, progress is being made. Mr. Bogan indicated that he is prepared to initiate contact to elected officials in the event the pharmacy is still not open at the end of the month. Comments were received from the Committee and the public about personal experiences had at the Clinic.

e. Historical Preservation Project

No report.

f. **Calendar of Events**

- October 28, 2017: Hero's Open
- October 28, 2017: 100 year anniversary of Army Fire Station
- November 9, 2017: DLI Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11am
- November 11, 2017: Veteran's Day Parade (various locations)
- December 13, 2017: Wreaths Across America at CCCVC at 9am

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Bogan reminded everyone to thank a Veteran for their service.

8. ADJOURNMENT at 3:49 P.M.

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. 17-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY SETTING THE VALUE FOR LAND TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE CALIFORNIA CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY

THIS RESOLUTION is adopted with reference to the following facts and circumstances:

- A. WHEREAS, the FORT ORD REUSE Authority ("FORA"), and all the FORA Board members have supported the creation of the California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery ("CCCVC") on former Fort Ord lands; and
- B. WHEREAS, the FORA Base Reuse Plan adopted in 1997 calls for a Veterans Cemetery as a key component in the base wide recovery program; and
- C. WHEREAS, many local individuals and organizations have supported the regional effort to establish the CCCVC with personal, corporate, and other eleemosynary contributions to the CCCVC Foundation's fundraising work; and
- D. WHEREAS, the United States and California Departments of Veterans Affairs have agreed to provide financial and ownership leadership for the CCCVC and have accepted responsibility for completing a full-scale facility to honor California Veterans; and
- E. WHEREAS, FORA, the City of Seaside and the County of Monterey have entered agreements recognizing the importance of setting aside a centrally located property for the CCCVC and to forego the revenue return from such property to aid the project demands; and
- F. WHEREAS, 84.4 acres of developable land have been transferred to the State of California for the purpose of developing a centrally located Veterans' Cemetery; and
- G. WHEREAS, the FORA has established and published a general average value of \$171,000 per acre for development properties establishing the total amount of \$14,432,440 as the CCCVC land value; and
- H. WHEREAS, the US and California Departments of Veterans Affairs require local matching contributions in the financing of state cemeteries receiving federal funds; and
- I. WHEREAS, FORA is requesting the State of California (CalVet) consider applying total land value of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$14,432,400) as state required local match for USDVA cemetery construction grants, prorated for eleven phases of the cemetery as outlined in the state's 2015 Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Plan, beginning with an initial proration allocation for Phase II construction for in-ground casket and cremains burials.

NOW THEREFORE the Board hereby resolves that:

- 1. The value of the land that has been contributed to the State of California for the establishment of the CCCVC is worth approximately Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$14,432,400).
- 2. The FORA Board sustains its commitment to forego its share of the revenues for these and the related parcels in order to support the local share requirements for the CCCVC and ongoing fundraising work for meeting project obligations.

3. The Board requests the State of California (CalVet) consider applying a combined total land value of Fourteen Million Four Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Four Hundred dollars (\$14,432,400) as state required local match for USDVA cemetery construction grants, prorated for eleven phases of the cemetery as outlined in the state's 2015 Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Master Plan, beginning with an initial proration allocation for Phase II construction for in-ground casket and cremains burials.

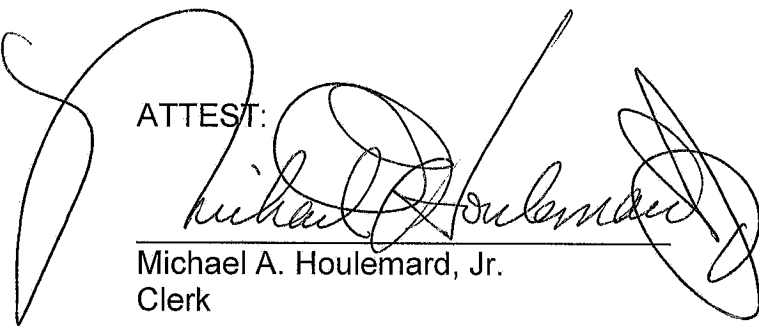
Upon motion by Director Frank O'Connell, seconded by Director Ed Smith, the foregoing Resolution was passed on this 13th day of October, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Parker, Phillips, Adams, Edelen, O'Connell, Morton, Haffa,
Rubio, Pacheco, Carbone, Gunter, Garfield, Reimers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None



Ralph Rubio, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael A. Houlemard, Jr.
Clerk



THE FLAG THAT RODE ACROSS AMERICA

i FLY ABOVE HALLOWED GROUND, WHERE MEMORIES OF THE FALLEN DO ABOUND.
i WAS LOWERED NOT WITH SADNESS, BUT WITH HOPE, JOY, AND GLADNESS.
i AM FOLDED WITH RESPECT AND PRIDE, i AM GOING ON AN EPIC RIDE.
A TEN-THOUSAND-MILE QUEST, REPRESENTING AMERICA'S BEST.
HONORING THOSE WHO ANSWERED FREEDOM'S CALL,
REMEMBERING THOSE THAT DID FALL
THOSE TOUCHED BY DEATH'S HAND, GIVING THEIR ALL FOR FREEDOM'S LAND
FLYING OVER ARLINGTON'S HALLOWED GROUND.
SOON TO TURN WEST, HOMEWARD BOUND
RIDING THROUGH AMERICA'S HEART. BACK TO WHERE I DID THIS JOURNEY START
i FLY OVER HALLOWED GROUND. WHERE MEMORIES OF THE FALLEN DO ABOUND
i WAS RAISED NOT WITH SADNESS, BUT WITH JOY, HOPE AND GLADNESS.
i AM HOME ABOVE THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIFE FOR ME.
i AM HOME, FLYING OVER THE CENTRAL COAST VETERANS CEMETERY

G.C. GUINN

SEPTEMBER 2017

