



**FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY  
VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VIAC) MEETING MINUTES  
3:00 P.M. May 23, 2019 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$15.

f. **VA-DOD Clinic**

Mr. James Bogan mentioned that he is trying to get the City of Monterey and the Defense Language Institute ("DLI") 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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