

MINUTES
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 5, 2014
PLACENTIA CITY HALL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ronald Culler, Larry Crawford, Fabian Frাগiao, David Johnson, Jefferson Kim, Janice Lacher, Wendy L. Moy, and Antonio Rangel

Absent: Alice G. Martinez, Roger Minami, and John F. Smith

Staff Present: Jeannette Ortega, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Dr. Richard Ramirez, Adjutant of American Legion Placentia Post 277, discussed Assembly Bill (AB) 1453 introduced by Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk-Silva. AB 1453 addresses a specific need for veterans within Orange County as the closest federal Veterans Cemetery is located in Riverside, CA. This presents a challenge for veterans and their families who would like to honor their loved ones by laying them to rest in a nearby Veterans Cemetery. Dr. Ramirez and the Orange County Veterans Memorial Park Committee have been working on securing State funding, lobbying with State Legislators, and establishing a non-profit organization that would create a State Veterans Cemetery in Orange County. Dr. Ramirez requested that the Veterans Advisory Committee advised the City Council to support AB 1453 by adopting a formal resolution.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS – None.

MINUTES - **MOTION** by Committee Member Lacher to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 regular meeting. **SECOND** by Committee Member Frাগiao. **MOTION CARRIED** 8-0-3.

Legislative Updates of Veterans Programs and Services – Committee Members discussed the issues of the VA Hospitals throughout the Country. Committee Members discussed prescription drug abuse among Veterans.

Committee Member John F. Smith – City Liaison Ortega visited the home of John F. Smith and discussed with family members that he will no longer be able to serve on the Committee due to medical reasons. Committee Members discussed their appreciation for Mr. Vice Chairman Crawford made a motion to excuse Mr. Smith from the Committee due to medical reasons. Second by Committee Member Johnson. Motion Carried 8-0-3.

Flag Day Ceremony on June 14, 2014 – Committee Members discussed the proposed Flag Day Ceremony at the Placentia Civic Center. Committee Members discussed the logistics, flyers, event program, participants, supplies, and equipment for the event.

Burial Flag Flown Over City Hall Program – Committee Members discussed the guidelines and reviewed the application for the Burial Flag Program. City Liaison Ortega will make the changes discussed and will provide the Committee the application and guidelines for their final review.

Discussion of the 2014 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony - The Committee discussed the 2014 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony. Committee Member Rangel will work on scheduling a student speaker for the event. Committee Member Fragiao will invite the Placentia Community Chorus to sing the National Anthem. Vice Chairman Crawford will coordinate a vocalist as well. Chairman Culler will invite Edward D. Royce, Father of Republican Congressman Ed R. Royce, as a guest speaker for the event.

Veterans Monument Fundraising - Committee Members discussed grant, sponsorships, and fundraising efforts to expand the Veterans Monument.

Agenda Building - Update on current agenda items, excluding Committee Member John F. Smith item.

Staff Comments - None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, a **MOTION** by Committee Member Johnson to adjourn to a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014; **SECOND** by Committee Member Moy. **MOTION CARRIED** 8-0-3. The meeting adjourned on May 5, 2014 at 7:57 p.m.

Jeannette Ortega, Staff Liaison
Veterans Advisory Committee