

MINUTES
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014
PLACENTIA CITY HALL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:45 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Ronald Culler, Larry Crawford, Fabian Fragiao, Alice G. Martinez,
Wendy L. Moy, and Antonio Rangel

Absent: David Johnson, Janice Lacher, and Roger Minami

Staff Present: Jeannette Ortega, Neighborhood Services Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS – None.

MINUTES - **MOTION** by Vice Chairman Crawford to approve the minutes of August 4, 2014 regular meeting. **SECOND** by Committee Member Moy. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-3.

Legislative Updates of Veterans Programs and Services – Committee Member Rangel discussed the American Legion Post 277 ceremony commemorating the September 11, 2001 event at dusk on Thursday, September 11, 2014. Chairman Culler mentioned the latest order by the House Intelligence Committee to declassify its investigative Benghazi Report. Committee Member Martinez mentioned the new Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert A. McDonald ordering town hall meetings at all department health and benefits facilities by the end of September. Committee Member Martinez discussed the construction improvements, including a parking structure, at the VA Hospital in Long Beach.

Discussion of the 2014 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony - The Committee discussed the 2014 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony. Committee Member Moy provided the contact information for Fred Visconti, Historian of the American Legion Post 277. City Liaison Ortega will mail a letter to him to formally request his participation in the Ceremony. Chairman Culler asked Vice Chairman Crawford to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance at the Ceremony. Vice Chairman Crawford agreed. Vice Chairman Crawford requested a letter to be sent to the American Legion Post 277 and Legion Post 72 at the Anaheim address. Committee Member Moy provided the contact information for student bugler, Johnny Gutierrez. City Liaison Ortega will also mail a letter to him to seek his participation in the Ceremony.

Review Names Submitted for Monument - Committee Members reviewed the applications submitted for the Veterans Monument. Committee Member voted to approve a total of four applications.

Burial Flag Flown Over City Hall Program – As of September 7, 2014, no applications have been received for this program.

Vietnam War 50th Commemoration – Application was submitted to become a commemorative partner. No response has been received.

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

Agenda Building - Update on current agenda items.

Staff Comments - None.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no more business, a **MOTION** by Vice Chairman Crawford to adjourn to a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2014; **SECOND** by Committee Member Moy. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-3. The meeting adjourned on September 8, 2014 at 7:40 p.m.

Jeannette Ortega, Staff Liaison
Veterans Advisory Committee