

MINUTES
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 2, 2014
PLACENTIA CITY HALL

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Roger Minami and Jefferson Kim

Staff Present: Jeannette Ortega, Neighborhood Services Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS – Committee Member Moy presented the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Committee Members discussed the commemoration program and will add this item to the next agenda.

MINUTES - **MOTION** by Committee Member Moy to approve the minutes of May 5, 2014 regular meeting. **SECOND** by Committee Member Fragiao. **MOTION CARRIED** 8-0-2.

Legislative Updates of Veterans Programs and Services – Committee Members discussed the recent resignation of the VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and the impact of his resignation among VA Hospitals. Committee Member Martinez discussed the impact of his resignation at the VA Hospital in Long Beach and the issues of Veterans' wait time for health care. The VA Hospital of Long Beach is currently going through extensive audits and reviews of their policies, procedures, and patient care. Committee Members praised the Long Beach VA Hospital and share personal stories about their patient care.

Flag Day Ceremony Update – Committee Members discussed the proposed Flag Day Ceremony and decided to table this program until next year, 2015.

Discussion of the 2014 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony - The Committee discussed the 2014 Veterans Day Observance Ceremony. Committee Member Rangel provided three potential student speakers for the event. City Liaison Ortega will contact the potential student speakers to inquire about their availability to participate in the event. Committee Members will continue to seek two guest keynote speakers including Edward D. Royce, Father of Republican Congressman Ed R. Royce.

Burial Flag Flown Over City Hall Program – Committee Members discussed the guidelines and reviewed the final changes to the application. Committee Members agreed to have this program presented to the City Council at their June 17, 2014 City Council Meeting.

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

Agenda Building - Update on current agenda items (except for the Flag Day Ceremony Update) and include the review of the monument names and the Vietnam War 50th Commemoration.

Staff Comments – At the May 20, 2014, the City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. R-2014-24, to support Assembly Bill 1453 to establish a Southern California State Veterans Cemetery. City Liaison Ortega provided Jefferson Kim’s letter of resignation. Committee Members accepted Mr. Kim’s letter of resignation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business, a **MOTION** by Vice Chair Crawford to adjourn to a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 4, 2014; **SECOND** by Committee Member Moy. **MOTION CARRIED** 8-0-2. The meeting adjourned on June 2, 2014 at 7:45 p.m.

Jeannette Ortega, Staff Liaison
Veterans Advisory Committee