

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
APRIL 3, 2017  
PLACENTIA CITY HALL

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Crawford, Ron Culler, Antonio Rangel, Fabian Frাগiao, Neel Schmitt, Saira Zimmerman, and Fred Visconti

Absent: David Johnson, Alice Martinez, Wendy L. Moy

Staff Present: Stephen D. Pischel, Director of Administrative Services

Guests: Mayor Craig Green, Council Member Ward Smith, Mrs. Dolores Rangel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Mayor Green and Council Member Smith thanked the Committee Members for their continued efforts in making a difference in support of the veterans in our community. The new members were welcomed. Self-introductions of all members followed.

OATH OF OFFICE- Oath of Office for new members Schmitt and Zimmerman were administered by Mayor Green. New member Anthony Pirone was not present as he is currently deployed. He will be sworn in upon his return.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS- Committee Member Frাগiao shared information on Habitat for Humanity homes in both Tustin and Fullerton that will be designed for Veterans. Fundraiser at American Legion Post 277 scheduled for May 20, 2017 was also shared.

MINUTES – **MOTION** by Committee Member Crawford to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2016 regular meeting. **SECOND** by Committee Member Frাগiao. **MOTION CARRIED** 5-0-2-3.

ELECTIONS- Election of Officers was postponed to next Regular Meeting as several absences and new members present for their first meeting. Chairman Culler will continue to serve as Chairman until elections.

Legislative Updates of Veterans Programs and Services – None

OVERVIEW OF 2016 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE PROGRAM- Committee, Staff, and Guests reviewed 2016 event held on November 11, 2016. Discussion of options for 2017 Guest

and Keynote Speakers took place. Options to include local school choir/chorus was recommended to involve more school-aged attendees. Additional planning will take place over the next several months and the 2017 event will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda in June.

MONUMENT EXPANSION PROJECT– Monument expansion was discussed by the Committee including fundraising to date of approximately \$1,600 dollars. Additional outreach to local organizations and businesses continues along with outreach in the City’s quarterly newsletter. It was recommended that staff reach out to the Orange County Register for additional coverage. Staff Pischel will follow up on this potential opportunity. Committee expressed interest in looking at the site as a group to review lay-out. A special meeting in May was recommended with an earlier start time of 6:00 p.m. to allow for the Committee and Staff to review the site during daylight hours.

BURIAL FLAG PROGRAM – No new applications have been received. Discussion on how to promote ensued.

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE – Committee Meeting schedule was distributed by staff. The addition of the May 1, 2017 Meeting was recommended and will be added to the schedule. Committee roster was also distributed.

AGENDA BUILDING- Review of May 1, 2017 Special Meeting agenda to include Flag Day, Monument Expansion Review, and Mercy Housing Veterans Village Project presentation. Staff Pischel will confirm whether or not Planning Staff will be available to present the overview prior to placing on the agenda.

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff Pischel extended the City’s thanks and appreciation for both the current and new members of the Committee as well as to the City Council for being in attendance this evening.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a **MOTION** by Committee Member Visconti to adjourn to a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017; **SECOND** by Committee Member Crawford. **MOTION CARRIED 7-0-3**. The meeting adjourned on April 3, 2017 at 8:12 p.m.

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Stephen Pischel, Staff Liaison  
Veterans Advisory Committee