

MINUTES  
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2017  
PLACENTIA CITY HALL

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Ron Culler, Fabian Fragiao, David Johnson, Anthony Pirone, Neel Schmitt

Absent: Larry Crawford, Antonio Rangel, Saira Zimmerman

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

Guests: Kenny Binnings (Heritage Festival Committee Member), Veronica Ortiz (Community Services Supervisor)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Staff requested that Mr. Binnings and Ms. Ortiz presentation regarding the upcoming Heritage Festival be included in the agenda item versus in oral communications. No other oral communications.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND REPORTS – Committee Members shared updates and information on Veterans services and programs.

MINUTES – Minutes were continued to the October meeting.

2017 HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND PARADE – Staff provided overview of 2017 event and discussed with the Committee the opportunity to participate in both the festival and parade. Invitations for Grand Marshals included the families of fallen Veterans Patino, Harrell, and Weaver. The Committee Members were invited to participate in the parade. Chairman Culler stated that he is driving in the parade but encouraged others to participate. Several members expressed interest. The Heritage Committee will supply vehicles for the Veterans or they can march or walk in the parade as well. Members Schmitt and Visconti expressed interest. Other members had commitments to assist in other areas and Member Zimmerman has duty out of the area that day.

Mr. Binnings and Ms. Ortiz shared additional event details and will coordinate logistics with participating Veterans Committee members, i.e. parking, start time, etc.

VETERANS MONUMENT EXPANSION – Placentia Roundtable Women's Club is making a \$1,000 donation and has invited Committee Members to attend an upcoming meeting to receive the check. Chairman Culler and Vice Chair Fragio volunteered to attend. Women's Club

Member Laurie Arroyo will be point of contact with Liason Pischel coordinating with the Committee. Fundraising to date was reviewed by Staff. Application for grant through the Placentia Community Foundation has been submitted with status updates anticipated by next meeting.

2017 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY – Committee and Staff Pischel reviewed plans for 2017 event. Event will be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at the Placentia Civic Center. Tuffree Choir/Chorus has been invited to perform. The Police Department Honor Guard has also been invited to present Colors. Committee Member Rangel is working on student speakers from Boys and Girls State. The Keynote Speaker has been confirmed to be Mr. Bob Board, Korean War Navy Veteran. Member Pirone will lead Pledge of Allegiance. Police Chaplain has been invited and will be confirmed prior to next meeting. Event flyer was distributed and draft program was shared. Master of Ceremonies draft script was presented to Chairman Culler for review. Committee discussion on event followed.

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff Pischel shared the September 25<sup>th</sup> deadline to sign up to participate in the Heritage Festival. Staff thanked Committee for their continued service.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, a **MOTION** by Committee Member Johnson to adjourn to a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 30, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.; **SECOND** by Committee Member Pirone. **MOTION CARRIED** 6-0-3. The meeting adjourned on September 21, 2017 at 7:25 p.m.

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Stephen Pischel, Staff Liaison  
Veterans Advisory Committee