

MINUTES
PLACENTIA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2017
PLACENTIA CITY HALL

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Larry Crawford, Ron Culler, Anthony Pirone, Neel Schmitt, Saira Zimmerman

Absent: Fabian Fragiao, David Johnson, Antonio Rangel, Fred Visconti

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

SWEARING IN

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

MINUTES – Minutes were continued to the next Committee meeting.

2017 HERITAGE FESTIVAL AND PARADE – Staff Pischel provided an overview of 2017 event. Committee Members shared their experience in participating in the parade as well as the activities in the park. Committee expressed interest in participating in the future. Member Pirone shared that he can request participation from his contacts should there be interest – vehicles, displays, other. Staff Pischel shared that the Heritage Committee is interested in keeping the Veterans highlighted in future events.

VETERANS MONUMENT EXPANSION – Staff Pischel provided an update on fundraising to date. Chairman Culler and Vice Chairman Fragiao are schedule to attend Placentia Roundtable Women’s Club this week to accept donation. Donation also received from the Moreno Foundation, owners of the Los Angeles Angels, in the amount of \$5,000. Staff will be finalizing a “Thank You” to sponsors that will be placed on the electronic billboards. Donors of \$1,000 and above will be highlighted.

2017 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE CEREMONY – Committee reviewed details of upcoming event including the event program. All details of the M.C. script will be reviewed with Chairman Culler, Mayor Green, and staff prior to event. Chairman Culler has met with both

Keynote Speaker Bob Board and the Tuffree Vocal Ensemble to review event. Ensemble will perform three songs including National Anthem and God Bless America. Third song will be patriotic as well. Member Rangel has coordinated student speakers with Staff Pischel. Small American flags will be distributed at the event along with programs and “Thank You” cards to Veterans. Member Visconti and Member Pirone will assist at Veterans Committee information table. Member Schmitt volunteered to assist at refreshment table. Staff Pischel shared that event has been promoted on City’s Website, Orange County Register, and social media. Staff Pischel shared information on upcoming event at El Dorado High School on November 9, 2017. Chairman Culler participated last year. Event included a tribute to the Gold Star families who have lost loved ones in the line of service.

2018 VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE PROGRAM – Member Schmitt shared information regarding the history of the American Legion and the fact that 2018 will be their 100 year anniversary. He shared information re: the unit from Los Alamitos (40th) that served in World War I. Recommended that American Legion take an active role in the 2018 event to highlight the anniversary and history. General discussion followed. Recommendation by Member Schmitt to consider Jo-Ann Martin, Library District Board Member and Veteran, as 2018 Keynote Speaker. Committee will bring back to their next meeting following this year’s event.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, a **MOTION** by Committee Member Pirone to adjourn to a Special Meeting, date to be determined, in December 2017 to review 2017 event and begin planning for 2018 event. **SECOND** by Committee Member Schmitt. **MOTION CARRIED** 5-0-4. The meeting adjourned on October 30, 2017 at 7:42 p.m.

Stephen Pischel, Staff Liaison
Veterans Advisory Committee