



## ***Alameda County Veterans Affairs Commission***

### ***Special Meeting Minutes***

***Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022***

***Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

***Location: Virtual ( Zoom Meeting)***

Meeting Called to order at 10:01am by Chair Steven Johnson.

Salute Colors-in-Place

Minute of Silence for MIA POW

**Commissioner's Role Call:** B. Rizvi(EA); R. Parshall(EA); S. Johnson; D. Williamson; F. Jaffin; L. Diaz(A); K. Warner; R. Forbes; J. "Skip" Phair; N. "Nate" Harrison; G. Owens; M. Gilmore; B. Remoaldo (EA); O. Farmer; J. LoParo; E Gilmore (A).

**Staff Present:** Clinton Taxdahl, Tamyra Simpson, Yolanda Newton

#### **Motion to approval of Minutes for the 02/28/2021:**

- (M) Williamson
  - (S) Harrison
- Approved.

**Public Comments:** None

**Staff Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** Memorandum from County Counsel.

**Guest Speaker:** Robert Bezek, Program/Site Manager for VA Project on Alameda Point

Mr. Bezek gave a presentation regarding the future site of Alameda Point. Please refer to the attached presentation for details.

#### **Subcommittee Reports**

1. **Executive:**
  - a. Chair Johnson: reminder that all appointed commissioners must take the AB 1234 Ethics Training within a calendar year from appointment.
  - b. Please track your ACVAC Terms of Office expiration date. Re-appointments follow the same procedure as initial appointment Terms of Office IAW
2. **Membership:** Steven Johnson, Ronald Parshall & Luis Diaz

- a. Chair Johnson reviewed the roster to ensure information was accurate. The commission currently has:
  - Sixteen (16) commissioners
  - Fifteen (15) voting commissioners
  - Four (4) openings
3. **Budget Sub-committee: Commissioner Phair (2 vacancies)**
  - a. ACVSO informed the Commission that USS Hornet should be receiving the \$500 donation check is being processed and payment should be received in 10 business days.
4. **Bylaws Sub-committee (2 vacancies)**
  - a. Commission has reviewed the bylaws

**Motion to ratify changes on bylaws**

  - (M) Williamson
  - (S) Owens

Approved.
5. **Outreach Sub-committee: Commissioner Williamson (1 vacancy)**
  - a. None
6. **Staff: Clinton Taxdahl, Veteran Services Officer**
  - a. Please refer to Budget Sub-Committee report.
7. **Event(s) Report Summary**
  - a. None

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Memorial Day Subcommittee**

- a. Chair Johnson proposed that a subcommittee is set up to assist with the observance of Memorial Day at Veterans Memorial Park in Union City.
- b. Chair Johnson, Commissioner Jaffin, and Commissioner Farmer volunteered to lead the efforts of this ad-hoc committee.
- c. Commissioner Jaffi spoke with Supervisor Valle regarding a Commemoration on Memorial Day. Supervisor said he'd consider hosting a Veterans Day Event there. The Commission would give leadership assistance.

**Motion to create a Memorial Day Observance Subcommittee.**

- (M) Jaffin
  - (S) Owens
- Approved.

**2. Recommendation Submission to Board of Supervisors for Letter Supporting NBVC-COL Charles Young Promotion Campaign initiative**

Col. Young spoke to the Commission regarding the reasons why the Commission should Support their efforts.

Chair Johnson explained why the Commission cannot submit said letter of support, which was rebutted by Commissioner Farmer. Commissioner Williamson showed support for Commissioner Farmer, and Chair Johnson asked for it to be voted.

**Motion to for the creation of a Subcommittee to draft a proposal for the next ACVAC Meeting.**

- (M) Phair
- (S) Williamson

Approved.

Commissioner Farmer, Commissioner Williamson, Commissioner Phair Chair Johnson are going to be a part of the subcommittee.

**Announcements**

1. Mentors needed for Veterans Treatment Court – contact Chair Johnson for further information.
2. Purchase individual and/or Veteran's Organization engraved bricks and pavers. Pavers surrounding the large six-sided granite memorial monument in the center at Veterans Memorial Park, Union City, CA.
3. Memorial Day Events
  - a. Livermore VFW host annual Memorial Day Remembrance ceremony each year on Memorial Day.
  - b. Castro Valley Veterans Group will hold a ceremony for Memorial Day at Castro Valley Veterans Memorial.

***Meeting adjourned at 12:15pm.***

***Next Meeting March 21<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am via Zoom.***