



County of El Dorado Veteran Affairs Commission

130 Placerville Drive
Placerville CA 95667

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2015 @ 1200 hours

El Dorado Hills Fire Station #85 Conference Room
1050 Wilson Blvd, El Dorado Hills CA 95762

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 1200 hours

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL – (Present) (Absent) (Excused Absence)

- (P) I – Commissioner Todd Smith
- (EA) I - Alternate Jack Winhall
- (P) II – Commissioner Tim Thompson
- (-) II – Alternate Vacant
- (P) III - Commissioner Kurt Raffetto
- (P) III - Alternate Richard Buchanan
- (P) IV – Commissioner William Scrivani
- (-) IV – Alternate Vacant
- (P) V – Commissioner Bob Sweatt
- (P) V – Alternate Phillip Houseworth
- (P) William E. Schultz, Interim Director, El Dorado County Department of Veteran Affairs
- (P) Edward Swanson, Secretary Ex-Officio

INTRODUCTION & WELCOME:

Wayne Lowery, El Dorado Hills Community Services District Director and Rotary Club
District IV Supervisor Michael Ranalli
District I Supervisor Ron “Mik” Mikulaco
Robert Leon, Founder/Chairman Veterans Memorial Park, El Dorado Hills
John Cordova, Founder Veterans Memorial Park, El Dorado Hills

PUBLIC FORUM:

Robert Leon, Founder/Chairman & John Cordova, Founder – Veterans Memorial Park, El Dorado Hills.
We have been working on this project for 5 years and 6 months. The Veterans Memorial will contain a memory garden, walk-through exhibits, and a gathering area with stage. It will also feature the “100 Year Journey,” where along a winding path; visitors will pass exhibits representing 100 years of United States’ conflict history, from World War I through present day. The land for the Memorial, adjacent to Promontory Community Park, has been donated by the El Dorado Hills Community Services District; a Native American blessing took place, sign dedication completed. Many professionals have already contributed their time to draft the architectural plans, create the construction schedule and plan the grading and electrical needs. We have established a strong work relationship with SMUD, PG&E and County of El Dorado to get through the planning process and concurrently developing a regional plan that includes Folsom, Granite Bay, Rancho Cordova, and Placer County.

Construction Project Manager, Mark Fultz ready to go to independent contractors to provide materials, we will not micro manage the project, all we had was the dream to get it started. We made a presentation to the Veterans Memorial Building House Council asking for their endorsement of this worthy project, we are not asking for money just your endorsement, our major fundraising comes through our fiscal agent Michael Robey of the El Dorado Community Foundation. Estimated completion is November 11, 2016 – Veterans Day, we estimate an additional \$150,000 is needed right now at this phase of the project. We have sponsorship donation levels starting at \$500,000 to \$1.00 and future Rotary Club fundraisers scheduled. Overall we are looking at 2.3 million for the entire project. Thank you.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 9, 2015, approved.

“Representing the Interests of El Dorado County’s Veterans, their Dependents, and Survivors.”

SECRETARY EX-OFFICIO REPORT:

Veteran’s Court: Going strong, vets are being taken care of, State of California assisting vets with rehabilitation programs in order to qualify for the entrance criteria for California Veteran Homes. Visit the County of El Dorado Superior Court website to view the calendar for Veterans Court Treatment Team.

CAL-VET: Goods news, the extra \$3,000,000 to support the County Veteran Service Offices throughout the State, has approved by budget committee permanent funding awaits governor signature

VA Regional Office: Statistics for Oakland Regional Office, Notice of Disagreements 6,200, Appeals 1,120, total claims 13,655. Nationally total claims 407,638.

County Department Veteran Affairs: We have officially hired two Veterans Service Representatives, Jack Warf, and Chris Thompson. Outreach ID cards issued 673, feedback on use of cards some negative input Placerville Home Depot hopefully this will change as there is a new general manager. Placerville Home Depot is giving 50% off for supplies for the Veterans Memorial Monument. ID card personal information is not shared or given out; County wide we have a secure system. South Lake Tahoe office will soon be open once a week, the first 3 Tuesdays of the month.

Veteran Memorial Building: Weeds along Armory Drive between Veterans Memorial Building and Shell Gas Station have reached epic heights, however this thoroughfare belongs to City and as such the responsibility to maintain, after many calls to the City to inform them of the fire hazard, these weeds were finally cut down, we hope the to get on scheduled maintenance for upkeep.

Commission Fund Balance: \$ 4,759.80

COMMISSION MATTERS:

•TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax) Committee

Recommendation to approve amending the Mini-Grant award timeline three-month cycle to twice a year; Cycle #1 and Cycle #2. Interested persons and/or groups may submit applications in June and September during the beginning of the cycle periods. Recommendation to amend cycle process as follows: Three month cycle; first month to Receive, second month to Review, third month to Award. Cycle #1 = June/July/August, Cycle #2 September/October/November. Approved.

Recommendation to approve that the Commission receive full packages two weeks prior. Mini-Grant applications available at El Dorado Community Foundation website. Approved.

Add Bill Scrivani to TOT Committee. Approved.
Next agenda TOT Committee to review received mini grants.

•AD HOC (Veteran Memorial Building – Veterans Building Council)

Building Manager Update: No report

COMMISSION REPORTS: (Committees reminded to call Secretary ex-officio two weeks prior meeting to place items on Commission meeting calendar)

Recommendation to fill vacancies on Budget-Scrivani, Education & Employment-Houseworth, Real Property-Scrivani, approved.

- Rules Committee** (C-Smith; VC-Winhall) – No report.
- Legislative Committee** (C-Raffetto; VC-Smith) – No report.
- Transportation Committee** (C-Sweatt; VC-Thompson) – No report.
- Budget Committee** (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – No report.
- Education and Employment Committee** (C-Sweatt; VC-Houseworth) – No report.
- Real Property Committee** (C-Buchanan; VC-Scrivani) – No report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

•Receive and approve travel claims for June 11, 2015, Approved.

Raffetto	18.80
Scrivani	31.87
Smith	6.95
Sweatt	88.94
Thompson	18.80
TOTAL	165.36

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Vacancies for alternates for District II and IV, Supervisor Ranelli has two candidates for District IV and the decision coming soon; no information from District II. Current Bylaws are somewhat vague regarding the residency requirements, some county-wide committees are defined Bylaws and Ordinance referencing the County Charter, overall this must be sorted out and is not an easy task.
- Flag retirement June 13th @ 1400 hours at the Veterans Memorial Building parking lot.
- El Dorado County Fair June 18-22, 2015.
- Serrano Golf Tournament, August 3, 2015, fundraiser for veteran causes.
- Agenda add under Commission Matters: Social media Facebook page for the Commission.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

1200 hours Thursday, July 9, 2015 – Veteran's Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT: 1313 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Swanson, Ex-Officio