



County of El Dorado
Meeting Minutes
Veteran Affairs Commission

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 Lance Poinsett, Secretary Ex-Officio

Thursday, July 11, 2019 @ 1200 hours
 Veterans Memorial Building
 130 Placerville Drive
 Placerville CA 95667

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CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
1200 hours

ROLL CALL

District	Present	Absent
I	Smith, Poimiroo	
II	Thompson, Reynolds	
III	Raffetto	Parsons
IV	Scrivani, Page	
V	Sweatt, Houseworth	

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS: David Zelinsky-American Legion Post 119; Patty Moley-Assistant Director-HHSA; Austin Weiswell; Julie & Herve LeConte-Military Family Support Group; John Hidahl, Board Supervisor District I, Don Semon, Director-HHSA, Lori Parlin, Board Supervisor District IV; Chuck Brasiel-American Legion Post 119; Jennifer LaForce, Only Kindness, Inc.; Lauren Hernandez, MFSG-EDVR; Joseph Olney, Only Kindness, Inc.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (All items on the Consent Calendar are to be approved by one motion unless a Commission member requests separate action on a specific item including moving items to or from the Consent Calendar and adopt the Agenda and the Consent Calendar for discussion. At the appropriate time as called by the Chair, members of the public may make a comment on matters on the Consent Calendar prior to action.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve by Commissioner Tim Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Bob Sweatt, approved.

1. VSO/Ex-Officio recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of June 13, 2019.
2. VSO/Ex-Officio recommending the Commission approve payment of travel reimbursement.

District	Name	April Miles Claimed	May Miles Claimed	June Miles Claimed	Qrtly. Total Mileage Claimed	Mileage X .580 Reimbursement Total
I	Smith	46.60	31.10	14.00	91.70	53.19
	Poimiroo	58.40	41.80	18.20	118.40	68.67
II	Thompson	0.00	22.80	46.00	68.80	39.90
	Reynolds	51.40	24.60	11.00	87.00	50.46
III	Raffetto	33.40	0.00	31.00	64.40	37.35
	Parsons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
IV	Scrivani	22.80	22.80	0.00	68.40	39.67
	Page	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
V	Sweatt	149.52	123.24	0.00	272.76	158.20
	Houseworth	49.20	19.00	54.40	122.60	71.11
	Quarterly Mileage & Reimbursement TOTAL				894.06	518.55

Motion to approve by Commissioner Tim Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Bob Sweatt, approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEMS

NEW BUSINESS

- Distribution of Awards and Medals. Discussion to be continued next month.
- Handout regarding the City of Placerville - Amend Placerville Drive Development & Implementation Plan, Section III, Subsection F, Entitled "A Multi-Modal Center."
 - Discussion occurred in response to the efforts of one or more veterans efforts, before and following the Independence Day holiday, to stimulate veterans community outrage and controversy in area media (Sacramento Bee, Mountain Democrat) in order to convince the City of Placerville to remove language within a ten-year-old concept plan that once proposed using the El Dorado County Veterans Memorial Building site as a multi-modal (transportation) center. Members of the commission objected to the manner in which the veterans alarmed the veterans community, used media, insisted that no other person from the veterans community oppose their position, and failed to work cooperatively with city and county government and the El Dorado County Veterans Commission to resolve their concerns. Following the media campaign by the veterans, the City of Placerville formerly deleted the old concept plan at its July 9, 2019 meeting.

- Audience members and commissioners stated their belief that the effort by these veterans was undertaken independently of the Veterans Memorial Building House Council and that the House Council did not favor or endorse the efforts of the veterans who objected to the old concept plan.
- Don Semon said he was contacted by media on Independence Day and asked to respond to the concerns of the veterans. He told media that the building is owned and managed by the County and that it had no plans to change its use in support of veterans, which the Sacramento Bee did not report.
- It was reported that the alarm set in motion within the veterans community disrupted service required responses to calm callers which disrupted services to veterans.
- The Commission approved a fact-finding effort by two commissioners to determine how and why this occurred, and what possible action should be taken. Another commissioner was asked to contact the Sacramento Bee, inform its editors that their story was misleading and contributed to disruptions within the county veterans community and seek correction. The committee's findings will be reported at the Aug. 8, 2019 meeting.

VSO/EX-OFFICIO – RECEIVE AND FILE

COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
 - Mini-Grant Cycle #1, Review to award applications as follows:

Organization	Amount	Previous Awardee	Need	Award Recommendation
EDC Fire Safe Council	\$3,410	X	Defensible Space	\$3,410
Legion Post 119	\$3,500		Veteran's Assistance (prepaid cards, food, other) (Zelinsky)	\$0
Food Bank of EDC	\$3,500	X	No Vet Goes Hungry Program (30-40 vets)	\$3,500
Foothill Indian Education Alliance, Inc	\$3,500		Food for Veterans-freezer and storage unit	\$0
Life Enriching Communication	\$3,500		Compassion for Caregivers	\$3,500
Operation Rebound	\$3,500		Adaptive Sports for veterans	\$3,500
SSgt Sky Mote Marine Corps League	\$3,500		Repair Veteran Gravesites in EDC (Zelinsky)	\$3,500
Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless	\$3,500	X (17)	Shelter for winter 2019/20	\$3,500
The Creative Edge	\$3,469		Women Veterans Creativity Support Group	\$3,469
The Episcopal Church of our Savior	\$3,500	X	Meals and food cards (Zelinsky)	\$0
Upper Room Dining Hall	\$3,500		Meals. Approx 20% of users are vets	\$1,000
VFW Post 9241 (Georgetown)	\$2,500		Building security-door and hardware	\$0
Windows to my Soul	\$3,500	X	Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (Vet Court Resource)	\$3,500
Total	\$44,379			\$28,879
Available	\$73,770			

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- TOT Committee recommendation to the Commissioners to approve Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Mini-Grant applications receive for Cycle #1 FY19/20 in the amount of \$28,879. Motion to approve Roger Reynolds, second motion Robert Sweatt, approved, continued August 8, 2019 for Commission to recommend Board of Supervisors approve award Cycle #1, FY19/20.
 - Allocation and proposed recommendation for future fiscal process, to be continued.
 - **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani) Patty Moley, Assistant Director, HHSA, reports that by-laws agenda item is at staff level review and is pending.
 - **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) Lance Poinsett, CVSO; reported AB 55, which benefits the County Veteran Service Offices throughout the state, is currently under amendment process and will return to the state legislation to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.
 - **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Page) *RECEIVE AND FILE Discussion on condition of the van and Tim Page resignation as Transportation Manager but remains as a driver.*
 - **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
 - **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
 - **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) *RECEIVE AND FILE*

COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council) No July meeting minutes as their rescheduled meeting, due to the holiday, is tonight July 11, 2019.
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** – Discussion
- **EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE** –
 - Handouts distributed has a typographic update.
 - Discussion and thanks to Bill Roby of the El Dorado Community Foundation, which has taken on the fundraising without collecting a fee for this bronze statutory, all funds raised will go directly for the statutory monument.
 - The sound system at the Veterans Memorial Monument continues to be problematic. A new wireless system will cost \$16K.
 - The need for future security cameras concerns are not immediate will readdress when the bronze statutory is installed.
 - Proposed Nisei Bench to honor WWII 442nd Infantry Regiment, Ryan Ford is soliciting funds to underwrite the creation of this honorary bench that is a well-deserved and respectful monument to these veterans and Japanese community. Request to TOT committee and Commissioners to reallocate \$5,000 to supplement funds raised by Ryan. Requests to local sewing groups to create a 442nd flag/banner have been unsuccessful-the group(s) report this is beyond their ability, so the search continues.
 - Save the date for Salute to Valor golf tournament benefiting local veterans, Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Serrano Country Club in El Dorado Hills, looking for volunteers and participants.
 - Veterans Business Incubator, on April 11, 2019 the Commissioners unanimously endorsed this concept. On June 13, 2019, the Commissioners reallocated TOT funds \$1,000 to cover costs for logos, stickers and printed materials to support this plan.

- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN**
 - No report. Brief discussion, served 17 vets for July, everything going well.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER

- September 28, 2019 Stand Down – recruiting volunteers for event on Saturday.
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NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME:

August 8, 2019, Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667

ADJOURNMENT 1308 hours.