

**Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017**

Present: Hank Scherf, Myra Weiher, Mark Leach, George Smith, Francisco Oliva, Ron Dickson, Kai Martin, and Fred Baer,

Absent: Alfred Banfield, Jacob Pletcher, and Edmund Bridges.

Staff: Supervisor Slocum, Chief Deputy Counsel John Nibbelin, Legislative Aide Marci Dragun, Selina Toy Lee Director, CCO, CVSO Norman Aleman, Selina Toy-Lee, Director HSA CCO

Public Comments by: Carolyn Livengood (Avenue of Flags), Therese Dyer (Veteran), Eleanor Britter (Lions Club)

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Meeting Called to order and pledge of allegiance recited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Chairman Scherf, called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. • Pledge recited. • Roll call taken. 	
Approval of prior meeting minutes and Adoption of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes approved • Agenda approved. 	Meeting minutes and agenda approve.
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public comments given by three in the audience <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ September 9th-11th Stand Down announced ○ Activities by the A Avenue of Flags ○ Asking for more services in North County 	No additional actions or steps needed.

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Veteran Commission Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oath of Loyalty was issued by Supervisor Slocum to Commissioner George Smith moving him from an alternate to a full voting member of the commission. • County Landlord Incentive was discussed by Commissioner Dickson with input from Ms. Selina Toy Lee, Director of Collaborative Community Outcomes (CCO) from the Human Services Agency (HSA). • Mr. Charles King presented on what Havenworks Inc. does to create alternative housing for veterans using mobile homes. Mr. Charles encourage the commission and the county to look into this particular area to avoid further homelessness. • Mr. Yule Newsome presented on his organization CIVCOM which helps those leaving military service gain employment. • Commissioner Scherf suggested for the commission to work on creating a memorial/monument recognizing all veterans in the county. Asked Commissioner Smith to lead the sub-group. • Commissioner Scherf provided an update on the current Veteran of the Year situation. Nominations are still coming and all is on track for the event in November. 	<p>No additional actions or steps needed.</p> <p>The program is still in the development stage and will provide further details ad needed.</p> <p>See attached presentation.</p> <p>https://civcomready.org/</p> <p>Commissioners Smith, Scherf, Martin, and Dickson to meet at a later date.</p> <p>Subcommittee to continue to meet and provide updates.</p>
Report from CVSO Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Norman Aleman provided the CVSO report. 	<p>See attachment for report. CVSO to provide outreach plan at the next meeting.</p>
Announcements from Veterans Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Oliva announced an upcoming fishing trip for veterans • Commissioner Smith announced he would be working to get an article in the Daily Post & Journal with updates from the commission and veteran related topics. • Commissioner Martin suggested to go back to the 2014 assessment and revisit the Commission priorities. 	

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Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm	Next Commission meeting is September 11, 2017 at 6:30pm