

**Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2017**

Present: Hank Scherf, Myra Weiher, Mark Leach, George Smith, Ron Dickson, Kai Martin, Alfred Banfield, Brandon Jones, and Jacob Pletcher

Absent: Francisco Oliva and Fred Baer

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

Public Comments by: Carolyn Livengood, Eleanor Britter, and Charles Tate

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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 6:35pm. • Pledge recited. • Moment of silence for September 11, 2001 • Roll call taken. 	
Approval of prior meeting minutes and Adoption of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes corrected – Commissioner Jones was present at the prior meeting. Commissioner Smith sworn in as an Alternate member versus full voting. • Agenda approved. 	Meeting minutes amended 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"> ○ Mr. Charles Tate from EDD made announcement of services ○ Ms. Carolyn Livengood made announcement regarding POW/MIA event being held ○ Mrs. Eleanor Britter presented on the cancellation of the veterans stand down 	No additional actions or steps needed.

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<p>Veteran Commission Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oath of Loyalty was issued by Chief Deputy County Counsel John Nibbelin to Brandon Jones 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. Mikhail Venikov presented on the non-profit Ranger Road. • Mr. Mathew Stimmel, PhD., presented on the VA's Veterans Reentry Services • Commissioner Smith reported on the first meeting for a County Veterans Memorial to represent all veterans of all eras who have lived in the county. Discussed locations and types of monuments. Counsel Nibbelin mentioned of other possibilities and timing of downtown Redwood City redevelopment. • Commissioner Scherf provided an update on the current Veteran of the Year situation. He also provided names of those who were selected and asked the Commission to accept the nominees. The Commission voted unanimously voted in favor to accept the nominees. Veteran of the Year- Romie Basseto, Patriot of the Year- Lee Ann Thornton, Enterprise of the Year – Central Peninsula Church • Commissioner Smith asked about the letter of support for new housing development in Millbrae and subsequently voted in favor. 	<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>See attached presentation. Mr. Simmel will draft a letter of support for the commission to review.</p> <p>Meeting being set to discuss further development.</p> <p>Subcommittee to continue to meet and provide updates.</p> <p>Letter to be drafted by counsel and signed by Chair Scherf.</p>
<p>Report from CVSO Liaison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Norman Aleman provided the CVSO report. 	<p>See attachment for report.</p>

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Announcements from Veterans Commissioners	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CVSO announced the upcoming VA Benefits Seminar on September 23rd to be held at Central Peninsula Church in Foster City.	No additional steps.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm	Next Commission meeting is November 13, 2017 at 6:30pm