



County of El Dorado Meeting Agenda Veteran Affairs Commission

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Thursday, January 9, 2020 @ 1200 hours

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CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Table with 3 columns: District, Present, Absent. Rows for Districts I, II, III, IV, V.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS

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 (Smith)

- 1. Chair of the Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of December 12, 2019.
2. Approve quarterly mileage and expenses October-November-December 2019.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEMS

1. New Officers (Smith)
2. Discussion based on actual T.O.T. revenues in FY18/19 for the FY19/20 allotment of \$265,739 (Raffetto)

Last month meeting 12/12/19; the TOT committee recommendation: Veteran Affairs Commission recommending the Board of Supervisors approve the FY19/20 allotment of \$265,739 per breakdown as follows:

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| Friends of the Veterans Monument Upkeep & Lighting | \$ 10,000 |
| Only Kindness, Inc. | 12,000 |
| Student Resource Center Folsom Lake College | 5,000 |
| Student Resource Center Lake Tahoe Community College | 18,000 |
| Snowline Hospice Veteran Care Program | 25,000 |
| Veteran Education Center Folsom Lake College | 35,000 |
| Military Family Support Group | 8,000 |
| EDC Department of Veteran Affairs Intern Extra-Help | 19,000 |
| Sierra Chapliancy | 3,000 |
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| | \$ 135,000 |
| Members approved Mini-Grant allocation | 130,739 |
| Total | <u>\$ 265,739</u> |

EX-OFFICIO REPORT – RECEIVE AND FILE (Absent excused)**COMMITTEE REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE**

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
 - Future funding – discussion (Raffetto)
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani)
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith)
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Thompson)
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo)
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth)
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo)

COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER**
- **FRIENDS OF THE VETERANS MONUMENT**
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN**

NEW BUSINESS**PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER****NEXT MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME**

Veterans Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Road, Placerville CA 95667, meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 1200 hours.

ADJOURNMENT



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Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 1200 hours

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CALL TO ORDER @ 12:01 - PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

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

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS:

Jason Shelley, Intern EDC Veteran Services; David Zelinsky, American Legion Post 119; Tim Whalen, VA Citrus Heights Vet Center; Austin Wiswell; Pierre Walker; Ashley Smith, HHSA; Daniel Del Monte, Deputy Director HHSA, Community Services Division; Patty Moley Asst. Director, HHSA, Assistant Director of Self-Sufficiency and Community Resources; Don Semon, HHSA Director.

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CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Chair recommending the Commission approve the MINUTES of the regular meeting of November 12, 2019. Bob Sweatt made motion to approve, John Poiriroo seconded the motion, approved.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION ITEMS

- o Discussion on property tax for veteran issues, continued. (Raffetto).

NEW BUSINESS

VSO/EX-OFFICIO REPORT – *Absent no report.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS – *RECEIVE AND FILE*

- **TOT (Transient Occupancy Tax)** (Raffetto/Scrivani)
 - o Award Mini-grant applications received. TOT committee recommendation that Commissioners approve Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) Mini-Grant applications received for Cycle #2 FY19/20 in the amount of \$21,410. Roger Reynolds motion to approve recommendation; Bob Sweatt second motion, approved.

| App ID | Organization | First Name | Last Name | E-Mail | Grant Title | Grant Amount Requested | Grant Award |
|---------|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------|-------------|
| 2382777 | Windows To My Soul | Chris | Catemis | ccatemis@gmail.com | Heroes and Horses Working Together | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| 2382843 | Sierra Community Access Television | George | Sabato | scatv2@gmail.com | Promoting Veterans Services and Ceremonies | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| 2393580 | Elder Community Fund | Elizabeth | Heape Caldwell | liz@elderoptionsca.com | Veteran transportation to health facilities out of county | \$2,500 | \$1,000 |
| 2395984 | Detachment 697, Marine Corps League | David | Zelinsky | zelinsky.david@gmail.com | Parking lot improvements | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| 2396989 | Arts and Culture El Dorado | Marya | Osucha | marya@artsandcultureel dorado.org | Veteran's Voices Writing Workshop | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| 2403720 | El Dorado County Fire Safe Council | Ernie | Lory | ernielory@aol.com | Develop and/or maintain fire safe defensible space around veterans' homes | \$3,410 | \$3,410 |
| 2409215 | Lake Tahoe Community Foundation | Aaron | Barnett | barnett@ltcc.edu | Veterans Resource Center Instructional and Personal Supplies Fund | \$3,500 | \$3,500 |
| | | | | | | \$22,910 | \$21,410 |

12/12/2019 TOT Committee presented award recommendation; Commissioners approved recommendation.

- o Public comment from Austin Wiswell, asking for more detailed and transparent information about the TOT programs applicants who were awarded mini-grants; basically how veterans benefit and what services are provided by these mini-grants.

Kurt Raffetto reports the FY19/20 for Veteran Affairs Transient Occupancy Tax TOT allocation (collected in 2018) is \$265,739; Veteran Affairs Commission recommends the Board of Supervisors award FY19/20 allocation as follows:

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| Only Kindness, Inc. | 12,000 |
| Friends of the Veteran Memorial Monument | 10,000 |
| Snowline Hospice | 25,000 |
| Lake Tahoe Community College | 18,000 |
| Folsom Lake College (Los Rios Community College District) | 5,000 |
| Folsom Lake College (Los Rios Community College District) Veterans Success Center | 35,000 |
| Military Family Support Group | 8,000 |
| Sierra Chaplaincy | 3,000 |
| EDC Veteran Services Office – Career Path to Work (Intern) | 19,000 |
| Program Allocation | 135,000 |
| Mini-Grant Allocation FY19/20 Cycle #1-FY20/21 Cycle #2 | 130,739 |
| TOTAL | 265,739 |

- Allocation (completed this meeting) and proposed recommendation for future fiscal process to be addressed and continued at a later date.
- Board of Supervisor Agenda 12/10/19 Item #44 Transient Occupancy Tax-Amend General Economic Development Elements and Item #45 Transient Occupancy Tax Revenue Distribution (Poimiroo) Brief discussion of the purpose of TOT is to support funding impacts, new concepts as well as economic development. Recommended guidelines to remove a fixed percentage policy amount, however there is still the commitment to continue the funding
- **RULES** (Smith/Scrivani)
 - By-Laws status report. Todd Smith (by email) reports removal of the paragraph from the by-laws with regard to a supervisor being a voting member of the commission; this edit must go through process and will continue 01/07/20 at Board of Supervisor meeting.
- **LEGISLATIVE** (Raffetto/Smith) Recommendation to continue CACVSO 2019 End of Year Legislative Report when VSO, Lance Poinsett returns.
- **TRANSPORTATION** (Sweatt/Page) Tim Page announcement program still seeking additional volunteer drivers.
- **BUDGET** (Parsons/Poimiroo) No report
- **EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT** (Sweatt/Houseworth) No report
- **SOCIAL MEDIA** (Scrivani/Poimiroo) Bill Scrivani reports on future coordination meetings to post events.

COMMUNICATIONS' REPORTS – RECEIVE AND FILE

- **AD HOC** (Veterans Memorial Building – Veterans House Council)
- **AMERICAN LEGION SERVICE OFFICER** David Zelinsky shared stories about veterans and veteran programs.
- **EL DORADO COUNTY VETERANS ALLIANCE** John Poimiroo reports on Salute to Valor fundraising efforts was a huge success.
- **EL DORADO VETERAN RESOURCES – A PERMANENT STAND DOWN** No report

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

PUBLIC FORUM - GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) – (Moley) Daniel Del Monte reports that the VASH 2019 program successfully applied for and received (5) vouchers due to data improvement in local Continuum of Care, El Dorado Opportunity Knocks. This data is supported and validated by the local VA Medical Clinic. Good news is that these improved numbers and further applications, we were awarded an additional (25) VASH Vouchers. Currently, vouchers are mostly used as Housing Choice Vouchers, the individual can take the voucher wherever they'd like. Without adequate affordable housing stock, that can be a challenge to locate housing. Instead of relying on this, Housing Authorities can utilize these resources as "Project Based" which means that VASH vouchers are tied to a specific permanent unit (instead of following the individual).

In 2020, the Housing Authority will be putting out these vouchers for procurement, seeking housing developers that can utilize these vouchers to make any housing construction or rehab financially feasible, while also creating an indefinite permanent housing unit that can be dedicated to local homeless veterans. As there are currently 33 homeless veterans identified by the Continuum of Care's Intake Process, these 30 VASH vouchers can be used as a mechanism to, over the span of 5 years, significantly veteran homelessness at a minimum if not end it with the support of other Continuum of Care grant funding and services to prevent veteran homelessness before it occurs. If anyone wants further information on VASH vouchers, please feel free to contact me.

- New Officers for 2020 will be the order of business at the next meeting
- 2020 Roundtable of all Veteran groups in process, continue next meeting.

NEXT MEETING:

12 Noon on January 9, 2020, Veteran Memorial Building, 130 Placerville Drive, Placerville CA 95667.

ADJOURNMENT @ 1246 hours.