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**Alameda County Veteran Affairs Commission
Commission Meeting
June 20th, 2023, 9:30am
Swords to Plowshare Office, Oakland, CA
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES**

ACVAC Commissioner Present:

- O. Farmer (Chair)
- D. Williamson (Vice-Chair)
- M. Gilmore
- D. Williamson
- R. Forbes
- J. Phair
- R. Parshall
- B. Rizvi
- G. Owens

County Staff Present:

- Mariana Austin
- Jonathan Montaña-Flores
- Esperanza Contreas
- Sonya Frost

ACVAC Commissioners Absent:

- F. Jaffin (excused)
- J. LoParo
- K. Warner (excused)

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by O. Farmer called to order at 9:35am Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved. Commission approve agenda 06/20/2023: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission as read.
B. MEETING MINUTES	Commission approve Commission meeting minutes – 05/15/2023: Meeting minutes adopted by Commission as red.
C. REMOVAL OF COMMISSIONER REMOALDO	1. Motion to remove Commissioner Remoaldo from the Veteran Affairs Commission due to excessive absences. (M) Williamson (S) Owens Approved.

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D. COMISSION REPORTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Executive: No Report 2. Membership: ACTION ITEM: ACVSO to remove Commissioners Diaz and Remoaldo from the Commission's website. ACTION ITEM: Commissioner Farmer to email ACVSO the names of all pending commissioner applications to they can follow up with the appropriate offices. 3. Budget: ACTION ITEM: Add discussion about using Commission funds to assist in the street renaming efforts to July's Agenda. 4. Outreach: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No Report 5. Bylaws: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Second and final reading of the new bylaws happened on May 9th. The Bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors as read. 6. VSO: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No Report 7. NCBVO: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commissioner Farmer has been talking to the Mayor's Office regarding the street renaming. The next step is to get a petition with 60% of the impacted population approving the efforts, a Council person to sponsor the efforts. One option is to add a plaque above the street name, and a second option is to have the street fully renamed. 8. Veterans Day <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commission to reach out to local high schools to perform at a possible Veterans Day Event.
E. OTHER ITEMS	<p>No announcements</p> <p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee: Juny 16th, 9:30am.
F. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 9:56am.</p>

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Commission Meeting
June 20th, 2023, 10:00am
Swords to Plowshare Offices, Oakland, CA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

ACVAC Commissioner Present:

- O. Farmer (Chair)
- D. Williamson (Vice-Chair)
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2. MEETING MINUTES	Commission approve Commission meeting minutes – 05/15/2023: Meeting minutes adopted by Commission as read.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS	None
4. VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON	1. Marisol Chales will be the guest speaker.
5. COMMITTEE REPORTS	1. Executive: a. Commission voted to remove Commissioner Remoaldo due to excessive absences. 2. Membership a. ACVSO to follow up on pending applications.

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	<p>3. Budget:</p> <p>a. Request up to \$5000 to assist the street naming efforts in the form of either direct funds to the Campaign, an event to bring awareness to the effort or the ceremony when the renaming the streets. ACTION ITEM: Add a vote to decide on an amount to request for the efforts to the July General Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>4. Outreach: None. ACTION ITEM: Commissioners to email VSO of 4th of July Events.</p> <p>5. Bylaws:</p> <p>a. Second and final reading of the new bylaws happened on May 9th. The Bylaws were approved by the Board of Supervisors as read.</p> <p>6. NBVC-COL C. Young Campaign Initiative</p> <p>a. Commissioner Farmer has been talking to the Mayor's Office regarding the street renaming. The next step is to get a petition with 60% of the impacted population approving the efforts, a Council person to sponsor the efforts. One option is to add a plaque above the street name, and a second option is to have the street fully renamed.</p> <p>7. VSO Concerns Committee:</p> <p>a. Refer to the end of the document the Committee has put together.</p> <p>8. Veteran's Day: ACTION ITEM: VSO to email Commission a mock up banner for the Commission.</p>
6. EVENT REPORTS	<p>1. Memorial Day Event Reports:</p> <p>a. Commissioner Phair attended a ceremony in Milpitas.</p> <p>b. Commissioner Owens attended a ceremony in the city of Alameda.</p> <p>c. Commissioner Harrison attended a ceremony at the Evergreen Cemetery organized by the VFW.</p>
7. SWORDS TO PLOWSHARE PRESENTATION - MARK WALKER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR EAST BAY PROGRAMS	<p>2. Please refer to attachments for presentation.</p>

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8. ANOUNCEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Alameda County Veteran Services Officer has resigned and his last day is 05/19th. 2. Legislation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. AB531 passed the Assembly and is now with the State Senate. The name has been changed to the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Act. b. AB773 The pilot program was approved but no funding was provided. c. AB46 passed the Assembly and is now with the State Senate. d. AB76 passed the State Senate and is now with the Assembly. <p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Meeting: July 17th, 10:00 am.
3. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 12:17pm.