



MINUTES

AD HOC STATE VETERANS CEMETERY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

**JUNE 13, 2014
2:30 p.m.**

Irvine Civic Center
One Civic Center Plaza
Conference and Training Center
Irvine, California

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Ad Hoc State Veterans Cemetery Committee was called to order on June 13, 2014, at 2:35 p.m. at Irvine Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Conference and Training Center, Irvine, California by Committee Member Steven Choi.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	9	COMMITTEE MEMBER:	STEVEN CHOI
		COMMITTEE MEMBER:	JEFFREY LALLOWAY
		COMMITTEE MEMBER:	BILL COOK
		COMMITTEE MEMBER:	ISABELLE KRASNEY
		COMMITTEE MEMBER:	BRIAN MYERS
		EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:	SHARON QUIRK-SILVA
		EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:	TODD SPITZER
		EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:	DONALD WAGNER
		EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:	MARTIN PAINE (FOR MIMI WALTERS)
ABSENT:	1	COMMITTEE MEMBER	STEPHEN JORGENSEN

Also present were Sean Joyce, City Manager; Todd Litfin, City Attorney; Dan Jung, Assistant to the City Manager; and Katie Sipes, Program Assistant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Choi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Member Choi welcomed Committee Members, Ex-Officio Members and the public, including veterans present. Committee Member Choi provided a brief background on the Ad Hoc Committee and Resolution 14-27 adopted by the Irvine City Council. Self-introductions were made by the Committee Members, Ex-Officio Members and staff.

PRESENTATION

City Attorney Litfin provided a brief overview of the Ralph M. Brown Act and Conflict of Interest Code – Form 700 Filing provisions and responded to questions.

Discussion included: composition of a quorum, definition of and clarification that Ex-Officio members must comply with Brown Act laws, Ex-Officio member concerns that application of the Brown Act could interfere with their roles as State and County legislators and State Veterans Cemetery Committee discussions, alternatives to Ex-Officio membership, and that the City Council determined the Committee composition and may need to be revisited.

City Attorney Litfin was asked to prepare a written report regarding the issues raised.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Select Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Committee Member Choi nominated Committee Member Lalloway to serve as Chairman. Committee Member Myers seconded the nomination.

ACTION: Moved by Committee Member Choi, seconded by Committee Member Myers and unanimously carried by the voting members present (Committee Member Jorgensen absent) to close the nomination period and select Committee Member Lalloway to serve as Chairman.

Chairman Lalloway nominated Committee Member Choi to serve as Vice Chairman. Committee Member Choi seconded the nomination.

Committee Member Krasney nominated Committee Member Cook to serve as Vice Chairman. Committee Member Cook seconded the nomination.

ACTION: By consensus, the nomination period was closed.

ACTION: Committee Member Choi was selected to serve as Vice Chairman by the following roll call vote of the voting members present (Committee Member Jorgensen absent):

Committee Member Choi: 3 Committee Members: Choi, Myers, and Lalloway

Committee Member Cook: 2 Committee Members: Cook and Krasney

2. Ad Hoc Committee Overview and Scope of Work

City Manager Joyce provided an overview of Resolution 14-27 adopted by the Irvine City Council and the Committee's scope of work as directed by the City Council.

Discussion included: the formality of the Committee meeting, consideration of different meeting formats, with Chairman Lalloway welcoming suggestions.

Zeke Hernandez spoke in support of a State Veterans Cemetery located at the Great Park.

ACTION: Moved by Chairman Lalloway, seconded by Committee Member Myers to receive and file.

3. Status of Assembly Bill 1453 Proposing a State Veterans Cemetery in Orange County

Ex-Officio Member Quirk-Silva provided an overview and status of Assembly Bill 1453 (AB1453) proposing a State Veterans Cemetery in Orange County. She also introduced John Spangler, Chief Consultant to the Assembly Committee on Veteran's Affairs; and Ex-Officio Member Wagner, a co-author of the proposed bill. Ex-Officio Member Quirk-Silva and Mr. Spangler responded to Committee Member questions.

Discussion included: outreach to the Governor's office, clarification of recent bill amendments, the need for a site analysis at possible locations, legislative deadlines, appropriation of funding and the need for an overview of the process to establish a State Veterans Cemetery.

No action was taken.

4. Presentation by Five Point Communities Management, Inc.

Committee Member Myers provided a presentation on behalf of Five Point Communities Management, Inc. about planning and legal opportunities and

constraints at Great Park sites and possible other sites in Orange County for a State Veterans Cemetery. Committee Member Myers responded to Committee Member questions.

Discussion included: Great Park land use/compatibility issues, other possible sites in Orange County that were presented, interest in the creation of a comparative matrix of the positives and negatives of noted sites, determining the evaluation scope and process in consideration of jurisdictional issues, and veterans' perspective on sites raised in the presentation.

Zeke Hernandez spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the former El Toro site and encouraged the City of Irvine to take the lead.

A.D. Zelinko spoke in support of a Veterans Cemetery at the former El Toro site and suggested expediting site selection.

No action was taken.

5. Update on Proposition 41 – Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014

ACTION: By consensus of the voting members present (Committee Member Jorgensen absent); the item was tabled to a future meeting.

6. Ad Hoc Committee Calendar

City Manager Joyce indicated that staff would endeavor to complete a comparative matrix of sites identified at the meeting within 10-14 days for a June 27 meeting, but noted the likely need for additional time to complete the project.

Discussion included: next steps, future meeting format, moving the public comment period to the beginning of the agenda, minimum acreage, and a suggested alternative meeting date of July 11 in case the comparative matrix cannot be completed for the tentatively scheduled June 27 meeting.

AD HOC COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS


There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Lalloway at 4:52 p.m.



JEFFREY LALLOWAY, CHAIRMAN,
AD HOC STATE VETERANS
CEMETERY COMMITTEE

ATTEST:


KATIE SIPES
RECORDING SECRETARY

July 11, 2014

DATE APPROVED