

Parks & Recreation 316 Vernon Street Roseville, CA 95678

August 17, 2010

Meeting Summary and Next Steps: Veterans Affairs Board Follow-Up on New Name Proposal

Attendees: Don Chapman, Jim Berg, D. P. (Monty) Montoya, Phoebe Astill, Jim Gray, Jeff Dubchansky, Jamie Carlson, Tara Gee

Meeting Summary

The discussion began with a summary of the City's goal to create an inclusive citizen's group that acts as a liaison between the various veterans groups and the City. The City does not want to create a new military sanctioned group that supersedes and overrules the functions and responsibilities of existing veteran's organizations. The City's goal is to create a group that represents all veterans' interests throughout the City of Roseville. The Board's purpose is to collect all veteran-related requests that require City support, help prioritize and filter these requests and help resolve conflicting requests before forwarding them onto the City for consideration.

The City has realized that the name used for this group has caused some concerns amongst veterans. To respond to those concerns, the City proposes a name change that better reflect the purpose of the group to "Veterans Affairs Board".

If the Board formation is approved by the City Council, the members will:

- 1) Apply and be appointed by the City Council;
- 2) Meet the requirements (see attached) to participate as a Board member:
- 3) Meet and adopt formal meeting procedures;
- 4) Meet quarterly (at minimum), to accept and discuss veteran-related requests such as special events, memorials, improvements to city facilities, etc.;
- 5) Make recommendations of certain requests (which are approved by the Board by a majority vote); and
- 6) Forward those approved recommendations to the City for further consideration.

Feedback from attendees asked for clarification on the criteria or qualifications of the potential Board members and outlined concerns about the authority of this new Board over existing federally sanctioned veterans organizations. This Veterans Affairs Board would not have authority over the other existing organizations. It will be a venue for requests to be presented and a filter to help prioritize the needs of all veterans throughout the City of Roseville.

Next Steps

- Tara will send out the draft that outlines the criteria or qualifications of potential Board members.
- Attendees will review and provide Tara with comments and feedback by August 31, 2010.
- Attendees will update their organizations regarding the new name and goals of the Board as discussed this day.
- A follow-up meeting at La Bou will be coordinated (by Tara) to finalize/discuss any feedback received.

The City would like to take this item, the formation of the Veterans Affairs Board, to the City Council for approval by <u>late September/early October</u>.

For more information, see:

http://www.roseville.ca.us/parks/veterans_coalition.asp

Sincerely,

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