



**VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 22 2021 at 5:30pm**

ROLL CALL – Meeting called to order at 5:35 pm.

Committee Members:

Jhoana Alvarado
Shirley Ferrill
Maria Elena Hernandez
Cheryl Owolabi
Armando Telles

City Staff:

Lauren Maxilom, City Manager's Office

APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion to approve Member Aguilar-Perez and Member Compton absence from the April 22, 2021 meeting (Telles/Hernandez; unanimous)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2021 (Hernandez/Owolabi; unanimous).

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

NON-ACTION ITEMS

Non-Action Item I - Introduction of new Committee Member Cheryl A. Owolabi.

Non-Action Item II - Presentation from the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs for the County of San Diego.

Non-Action Item III - Update on the American Legion Database of Memorials.

Non-Action Item IV - Update on the Veterans Wall of Honor

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item I - Consideration of the proposed Memorial Day 2021 event and information webpage.

Motion to submit an application for two National City locations to be included to the American Legion's National database of Memorials; the War Memorial at 12th & D Ave and the Veterans Wall of Honor at the same location (Telles/Aguilar-Perez; all in favor).

Action Item II - Consideration of the proposed letter to elected representatives of National City introducing the Committee and Committee Members.

Motion to carry this item over to the July meeting to allow Members an opportunity to send edits to staff. (Hernandez/Alvarado; unanimous)

CITY STAFF COMMENTS

Reminder for Members to complete the required COVID-19 trainings.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Member Alvarado asked for an update on the Veterans Wall of Honor tile program.

Member Telles would like to discuss the following items during future meetings; 1) letter to elected representatives of National City introducing the Committee and Committee Members, 2) frequency of meetings, 3) advise the City Council on legislation that pertains to the military and veteran community and when possible recommend a letter of support or opposition.

Chairperson Ferrill requested Member Telles draft the letter to elected representatives of National City introducing the Committee and provide the mailing list for the Committee to review.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting to July 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. (Owolabi/Hernandez; unanimous)
The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Accepted by:

Lauren Maxilom, City Staff

Shirley Ferrill, Chair