

# **Martinez Veterans Commission**

**September 21, 2011**

**Approved September 19, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Martinez Veterans Commission was called to order at 4:43 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, in the Board Room, City Hall, Martinez, by Chair Thomas Zamaria.

## **Roll Call**

Present: Chair, Thomas Zamaria, Commissioners Maria Dona, Sandra Minjack-Evans, Charles Martin, Shane Bower and Ingemar Olsson (arrived 5:05),

Absent : Scott Alstad

Staff: Mitch Austin and Robin Agostino

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

The pledge was lead by Commissioner Thomas Zamaria

## **Approval of Minutes**

A motion for approve the minutes of April 20, 2011 by Chair Zamaria, seconded by Commissioner Martin. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

Veterans Day Program: A discussion was held concerning the 2011 Veterans Day Program. Chair Zamaria reported that Reverend Jim Anderson will be leading the prayer and benediction, Deborah Zamaria will be singing the National Anthem, Leah Hucke, leading the attendees in the pledge of allegiance, Austin McKeown will be placing the wreath, VFW and American Legion 21 gun salute and the Sea Cadets will be task of the flag rising. Chair Zamaria will be contacting a bag piper, Travis Air Force Base regarding a fly over, Congressmen George Miller, Mike Thompson, Kathleen Kennedy and Mayor Rob Schroder.

Commissioners Martin will be contacting speakers Commissioner Dona will be contacting a local youth to sing at the program.

Staff will be contacting Dee Wood for her musical selection and Jennifer Oertel in playing of Taps.

Chair Zamaria expressed a proposal for the Veterans Day message to include the issue of homeless veterans; Commissioner Martin suggested contacting American Legion them to speak about homeless veterans. Commissioner Martin will be contacting the American Legion.

The Commission discussed the Homeless Outreach program for homeless veterans and wants to make the public aware of the problems of homeless veterans.

**Old Business**

Speaker system: Commissioners agreed that the speaker system provided by Reverend Jim Anderson was an improvement over the city's system

**Commissioner's Matters**

Commissioner Dona asks for her fellow commissioners for advice on reaching out to a homeless veterans; the commission discussed Concord Veterans Stand-down Origination that reaches out to homeless veterans and gave her direction on pamphlets, meeting dates and locations.

**Correspondence**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 5:10 p.m. to the next meeting, Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Submitted by,

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