

VETERANS' COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 3, 2009 – 3:45 p.m.

Present: Chairman Barrett; Supervisors Hunter, Lucia, Thompson, Wright and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Jennifer Ciulla, Publication Specialist; Barbara Plummer, Clerk of the Board; Bud Mazurek, Exec Dir. Of Sara. Cty. Rural Preservation Company; Press.

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the February 3, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Barrett said the contract for a Videographer for the Deceased Veterans' monthly ceremony was up for bid. There were three bids received. The lowest bid was from Pillar Video at a cost of \$165 per ceremony. The contract will be for one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a resolution to accept a bid from Pillar Video of \$165 per ceremony to perform the video taping of the Deceased Veterans' Ceremonies from February 2009 through January 2010. Unanimous.

Ms. Yepsen said they are getting ready to submit the first stage of the VA Grant application at the end of March. She requested a letter of support from the Committee. If the grant is successful it will pay up to 65% of all expenses, she said. The total project cost is projected to be between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

Mr. Barrett said he would compose a letter from the committee stating their support of the Homeless Female Veterans' Project and the VA Grant.

A motion was made by Ms. Yepsen, seconded by Mr. Wright to approve authorizing the Chairman to compose a letter of support for the VA Grant and the Homeless Female Veterans' Project. Unanimous.

Ms. Ciulla said there is a confirmed date of September 25, 2009 for the Army Field Band Concert at SPAC from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The contract price for the band will remain the same as last year at \$11,600.

Mr. Thompson said he would like to contact ARAMARK at SPAC and inquire about a possible reduction in prices during the Veterans' Concert.

Mr. Barrett said in the resolution it states that ARAMARK will provide concessions as SPAC's concessionaire.

Mr. Barrett asked Ms. Ciulla to find out who the local representative is. He said he would then write a letter and follow it up by a phone call recommending consideration in reducing the price of food and beverage sold at the Veterans' Concert on September 25th only.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Ms. Yepsen to approve a resolution to enter into a contract with the Army Field Band and the Saratoga Performing Arts Center in the amount of \$11,500. Unanimous.

Mr. Mitchell said he has received responses from several of the towns with a total of 1,160 WWII Veterans' thus far. There are seven towns and two cities that have not responded as yet.

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Yepsen the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom