

**LA Region Community Veterans Engagement Board**  
**Provisional Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 6, 2016**  
**12:30 – 2:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Gayle Ocheltree (absent)  
Stephanie Stone  
Jon Varat  
Jesse Creed  
Dean Brown  
Steve Peck  
Larry Van Kuran

Howard Hernandez  
Jennifer Hark-Dietz  
Ann Brown  
Robert McKenrick  
Thomas Ruck  
Christine Pons  
Kiran Dhillon - Recorder

**Discussions:**

- Discussion on how the LAR-CVEB will define and execute “oversight” responsibilities, as included in the name of the CVEB as included in legislative bill H.R. 5936
  - Discussion on the definition of “oversight” and what authorities it entails, especially in relation to the West LA Master Plan, and whether the language of H.R. 5936 expands the LAR-CVEB’s intent and role beyond its adopted Charter
  - LAR-CVEB reiterated it wanted immediate and frequent communication from the VA on the West LA Master Plan and other information, and to have input into these issues, rather than receive status updates after decisions have been made or actions taken
  - Discussion on whether “real estate professional” should be included in the adopted Charter, as mentioned in H.R. 5936, or whether the Charter adequately captures H.R. 5936’s intent with its current language
- Discussion on LAR-CVEB’s intent to serve as an information and communication mechanism, and to provide the VA with advice and recommendations for consideration in its decision-making
  - Agreed its work and potential subcommittees should not duplicate other Veterans groups’ work, but that the LAR-CVEB should engage, communicate, and collaborate with these other groups and efforts
  - Discussion on being cautious of limiting the LAR-CVEB’s focus to just the West LA Master Plan rather than retaining its intent to address all Veteran and community issues
- Agreed to modify adopted Charter as follows:
  - Page 1, under “Activities” section:
    - Additional activity included as new #5: "5. In accordance with the West Los Angeles Leasing Act of 2016, provide advice and recommendations on the implementation of the draft West Los Angeles Master Plan

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approved by the Secretary on January 28, 2016, and on the creation and implementation of any successor master plans." [This language is from H.R. 5936.]

- Current #5 changed to #6.
- Page 4, under "Subcommittees" section:
  - Last sentence changed to read: "One such subcommittee shall be a West Los Angeles Master Plan Subcommittee, whose members shall have relevant expertise adequate for that subcommittee's communication, advice, recommendations, and outreach responsibilities."
- Agreed to post an update to the modified Charter describing the changes and reasons for doing so on the LAR-CVEB FaceBook page and the Greater Los Angeles VHA's CVEB webpage

**Discussions for next meeting:**

- Begin reviewing submitted applications and vetting process for selecting candidates
  - Agreed all Provisional Board members will review each applicant

**Next meeting scheduled for October 21, 2016 from 12:00-2:30p.m. at the West LA VA campus, Room 6400**