

Milpitas Arts Commission: Proposal for the inscription on the Minute Man Plaque.

Original Synopsis by Bill Foulk:

First a brief review of the original Minute Man from the Revolutionary War era. While the colonies were fighting the British for their very survival as a new nation, the local citizens formed a militia made up of local men who for the most part were farmers trying to raise their families. They called themselves “Minute Men” because they were ready to respond to the call to arms on a minutes notice. They were well known to be plowing their fields with their musket rifles strapped to their backs so they were ready for the call to arms. This was a desperate war against a tyrannical government which was bent on destroying this little group of colonies who wanted their independence and freedom from oppression. The Minute Men were a big part of the story of victory against insurmountable odds. From this heroic effort was born the greatest nation the world has ever known.

In the early 1960s, the City of San Jose wanted to annex the City of Milpitas and make it part of the City San Jose. There was much politics involved together with promises of great benefits to the Milpitanians if they would agree to be annexed. The matter was to put on the ballot for a vote of the citizens of Milpitas. Well, a small group of Milpitas citizens, who called themselves “The Minute Men”, decided this was not good for Milpitas to be annexed and launched a campaign against the annexation. It was a David against Goliath effort on the part of this small group of Milpitas faithful against the big City of San Jose. The effort was successful and the vote went against annexation. Thus preserving the City of Milpitas and allowing it in to grow into what is now a Great City. The City Seal now contains an image of the Minute Man because of this historic effort by our own Minute Men who fought to preserve Milpitas as a City.

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Proposal 1:

In the spirit of original Minute Man from the Revolutionary War era a few Milpitas citizens took on the political fight to keep Milpitas from being annexed to San Jose. They called themselves “The Minute Men” and the fight was won. When the City was incorporated in 1954 the Minute Man image was adopted to appear in the City Seal. This magnificent statue is a fitting commemoration of this tradition.

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Proposal 2:

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Proposal 3:

This Minute Man statue is in commemoration of a small group of Milpitas citizens, who called themselves “The Minute Men”, who fought annexation to the City of San Jose and won. When the City was incorporated in 1954 the Minute Man image was adopted to appear in the City Seal.

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