

City of Milpitas
Draft Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

I. Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.

II. Flag Salute – Chair Weisgerber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Present: Denny Weisgerber, Juan Samano, Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, Liliana Ramos

Absent: Bruce Choy

IV. Seating of Alternates - Liliana Ramos was seated

V. Approval of Agenda. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded, approval of the Agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of June 1, 2011- Commissioner Ramos moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded, approval of the Minutes as submitted. The motion carried with Chair Weisgerber abstaining.

VII. Public Forum

Felix Reliford, Milpitas Principal Housing Planner, reviewed the homeless study and responded to commissioner questions. He left a master copy with Chair Weisgerber.

Allen Thomas, 1176 Stardust Way, stated he was a retired veteran and police volunteer.

VIII. Update of Veteran Resident Registration Forms and Possible Advertisement in the Milpitas Post Newspaper – Commissioner Arbaugh

Commissioner Arbaugh reported there are currently 34 resident registration forms on file. The commission discussed the proposed advertisement in the Milpitas Post and was advised the cost would be \$500 for a one time ad. The Commission discussed alternate ways of advertising including word of mouth advertising, sending letters to the editor, submitting articles to the Post. Motion was made not to pay the Milpitas Post \$500 to run a one page advertisement. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. Presentation from Parks & Recreation Department on upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony – Dale Flunoy

Dale Flunoy, Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, gave an overview of the Veterans Day Ceremony and discussed options to set up a table for the Commission at the ceremony.

Suggestions discussed by the Commission were flyers and website update, better presence at ceremonies, information email, table set up by refreshment table for Veterans Commission with guestbook for signatures of veterans.

X. Discussion on Ceremonial Flags flown at City Hall and possible update to the Flag Ordinance – Chair Weisgerber

Chair Weisgerber reported to the Commission that he had met with Commissioner Grilli to discuss the possibility of updating the Flag Ordinance. Chair stated that the current ordinance does not allow foreign countries to fly their flags at the Veterans location when they are visiting on a delegation. There was discussion on which flag could be taken down to allow another flag to fly. Commissioner Hinshaw stated that if other flags are able to be flown then there should be some parameters set. Such as: When would the flag be flown; how long would it fly, on which flagpole. It was agreed to send the request to the City Attorney office to review and make recommendations.

Commissioner Hinshaw moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded, to approve the City Attorney's office to make changes to the Flag Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. Commission Announcements - none

XII. Future Agenda Items

Homeless shelter data

Review and update work plan

Discussion on participation at the Veterans Day Ceremony – tasks etc.

XIII. Liaison Reports - none

XIV. Next Meeting: October 5, 2011

XV. Adjournment: 6:15 p.m.
