



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 1, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

**Milpitas City Hall Committee Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE: Chair Weisgerber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Denny Weisgerber, Dana Arbaugh, Liliana Ramos, Ed Ackerman, Andre Ramones, Arthur Ebright (5:40 pm)

Excused Absence: Bruce Choy

Unexcused Absence: Allen Thomas

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Ed Ackerman was seated for Commissioner Choy.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M/S: Arbaugh/Ramos

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Minutes of February 4, 2015

M/S: Ramos/Arbaugh

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Staff Liaison Valdez introduced Pam Caronongan to the Commission members present. Pam is the new Deputy City Clerk and recording secretary for the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Station Public Art Project

Art Commissioner Becky Strauss was not present to make the presentation.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. 3rd Annual Car Show – Chair Wesigerber

- 3rd Annual Car Show is schedule for October 17, 2015.
- Vice Chair Arbaugh received a \$2,000 donation today from Bay 101 / Ron Homer (General Manager, Bay 101). Per Vice Chair Arbaugh's request, Staff Liaison Valdez to prepare a 501C3 receipt that he would hand-deliver to Mr. Horner.
- Commission Liaison Valdez to follow up with David Cortese's Office as a possible lead for sponsorship.
- Discussion made regarding Commission reaching out to the Milpitas Post. Staff Liaison Valdez stated that the commission still had a \$200 credit balance with the Milpitas Post. Vice Chair Arbaugh said that he was scheduled to meet with Rob

Devincenzi from the Milpitas Post on April 10, 2015.

- Vice Chair Arbaugh shared that he would also be meeting with the manager of Honda of Milpitas to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the event.
- Discussions made to secure the same DJ from last year's event.
- Vice Chair Arbaugh asked if the Boy Scouts would be able to participate and volunteer for the event. Commission Liaison Valdez replied that she would check with Commissioner Art Ebright.

2. **Donation Checks**

- Valdez said that donation checks are now ready for the following:
 - Semper Fi Fund for \$1,000 (Weisgerber to deliver)
 - Family Supportive Housing Inc. for \$1,000 (Arbaugh to deliver)
 - VA Palo Alto Healthcare-Chaplain Services for \$1,000 (Arbaugh to deliver)

3. **Work Plan**

• **Blue Star Memorial Plaque**

MOTION to donate \$100.00 to the Green Thumb Garden Club for the Blue Star memorial plaque.

M/S: Arbaugh/Ramos Ayes: All

• **Advertising—Veterans Commission Membership**

- Vice Chair Arbaugh asked if commission would be paying for mailing. Commission Liaison Valdez replied that the City would be paying for mailing costs. She added that she would work with Finance in ways of carrying out this work plan item.
- Councilmember Giordano suggested for the commission to do separate mailing composed of a letter and flyer then mass mailing. Chair Weisgerber expressed if staff can check and see if “inserts” in the water bills can be done.

• **From Mayor: Flag Challenge**

Commission Liaison Valdez said that the new work plan would be posted on the City website.

X. **COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

XI. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) / “Adopt a Veteran For a Day”
- Echo Taps
- Government Ordinance and Brown Act review

XII. **LIAISON REPORT**

A. **Staff Report – Staff Liaison Valdez**

- a. RSVP to commissioner's lunch
- b. Retirement of Staff Liaison Valdez after close to 28 years of service in June
- c. Commission Liaison to be handed to Recreation Services

B. **Council Liaison – Councilmember Giordano**

- a. Town Center Housing
- b. Approval of Skate Park (tentative build 2020)
- c. Sports Center—Field Renovation

- d. Police Department crime statistics
- e. FY 2015-16 Budget to be covered in upcoming Council meetings
- f. Governor Brown to issue mandate to cut water usage by 25% in response to drought

XIII. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on June 3, 2015.

Pam Caronongan
Recording Secretary / Milpitas Deputy City Clerk