



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas**

AGENDA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Flag Salute**
- III. **Roll Call**
- IV. **Seating of Alternates**
- V. **Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their names and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VI. Election of Officers – Staff Liaison: Carmen Valdez

Background: A Chair and Vice Chair should be selected at the first meeting of the Veterans Commission to preside over the Commission and operate under Roberts Rules of Order.

Recommendation: Receive nominations and vote for Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for a term determined by the Veterans Commission By-Laws.

VII. Review of By-Laws - Chair

Background: Staff has prepared "Draft" By-Laws to be reviewed and approved by the Commission.

Recommendation: Review and approve By-Laws.

VIII. Veterans Memorial Improvement and Bench – Staff Contact: Michael Boitnott

Background: The Veterans Memorial was relocated in 2009 in order to complete construction of the new Senior Center, and the intention was to return the memorial to its former location upon completion of construction. Since the relocation, staff has realized the benefits of having the memorial in the current location for veteran's celebrations and activities. Staff will present two options for the veteran's memorial.

On February 16, 2010, the City Council approved contracting artist Mary Ann Baker to create a Veterans Bench for the new Veterans Memorial location. The style, medium and materials of the Veterans Bench are similar to benches located throughout the Civic Center Plaza in an effort to create fluidity of installed Public Art pieces. Total project budget is \$8,995 with \$3,000 being donated by Commissioners, and \$5,995 supported by the Milpitas Public Art Committee. The Veterans Bench is



slated to be installed at the completion of the Veterans Memorial re-location, scheduled for the Memorial Day Ceremony in 2010

Recommendation: Review and recommend the proposed location and modifications to the Veterans Memorial Park and Bench for consideration by the Neighborhood Services and Education Subcommittee

VIII. Future Agenda Items

- 1. Review Work Plan**
- 2. Open Government Ordinance Review**
- 3. Brown Act Review**

IX. Liaison Reports

- 1. City Council**
- 2. Staff Report**

X. Adjournment

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