

**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 19, 2010
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas**

I. Call to Order – 5:01 p.m. – Vice Chair: Juan Samano

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Present: Dana Arbaugh, Juan Samano, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, Liliana Ramos, Robert McGuire, David Grundstrom (arrived at 5:03 pm), Dennis Weisgerber (arrived at 5:10 pm), Bruce Choy (arrived at 5:30 pm).

IV. Seating of Alternates – Liliana Ramos was seated as first alternate; Robert McGuire was seated as second alternate.

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

VI. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of May 5, 2010, Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, approval of the Minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Forum – There were no speakers.

VIII. Discussion of 2010 Work Plan – Vice Chair: Juan Samano

Staff presented the Commissioners with a list of “Work Plan Ideas” to prioritize for the 2010 Work Plan. Commissioner Arbaugh suggested that the Commission take 10-15 minutes to go through the list (32 items) and prioritize 8-10 ideas. Once completed the Commissioners presented their choices:

1. 1, 23 (same topic)
2. 4
3. 6
4. 9, 27 (same topic)
5. 11, 12, 13, 28, 29 (same topic)
6. 15
7. 18
8. 32, 5, 3 (same topic)

The Commission came up with 8 topics of importance. The other topics with lower votes will be put on the Work Plan as future topics for the Commission to address at a later date. Staff will format and bring back for further discussion at the next Commission meeting. The Commission talked about budget and possible fundraising ideas for the Commission participation. Since this is a new Commission, Councilmember Giordano suggested that a budget of \$10,000 should be enough to get the Commission started on their Work Plan topics. Commissioner Arbaugh moved and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously. This request will be brought forward to the City Council for approval at a future meeting.

The Commission is interested in creating a directory of services for Veterans who need assistance. Chair Weisgerber requested the Commission to bring links, names and resources to the next meeting to be prioritized and included in the 2010 Work Plan. Staff will work with IT Department to see about getting links set up on the Milpitas web page.

IX. Future Agenda Items – Continue to work on the 2010 Work Plan.

X. Liaison Reports

City Council – Councilmember Giordano reported to the Commission that the Walmart expansion item was delayed for the City Council Meeting of June 1, 2010. The Mayor made four appointments to the Citizen Budget Task Force, there are still three vacancies. Budget Hearings were held and adoption of final budget will be June 1, 2010.

Staff – Carmen reported that the final By Laws will be going to the City Council for adoption at the June 1, 2010 meeting. She also reminded the Commission about the Memorial Day Ceremony, to be held at the Veterans Memorial site, on May 31, 2010 at 9 am.

Commissioner Hinshaw invited the Commission to attend an event on May 24, 2010, Team Hawk of the 129th Rescue Wing, Moffett FAF, CA, will be conducting anti-drug presentations at Rancho and Russell middle schools in Milpitas.

XI. Next Meeting - Next regular scheduled meeting on June 2, 2010

XII. Adjournment - Chair Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.
