

City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2010
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, Arthur Ebright, Robert McGuire, David Grundstrom, Dana Arbaugh, Juan Samano, Mel Hinshaw, Lilliana Ramos

Absent: Bruce Choy (excused)

IV. Seating of Alternates – Lilliana Ramos was seated.

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

VI. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of August 4, 2010 - Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Vice Chair Samano seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Forum – No speakers.

VIII. Discussion of Work Plan Development: Subcommittees Report

Commissioner Arbaugh handed out the amended Veterans information handout and website design to the Commission. Various locations on where to put the paper copies of the handout were discussed which included all City Buildings and the Milpitas library. The Commission also discussed the Veterans website design and suggested refinements.

Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, to approve the amended handout for distribution and inclusion on the Veterans website. The motion carried unanimously.

Carmen Valdez reviewed the two press releases from Denny Weisgerber and Leslie Stobbe. The Commission agreed to use the document created by Leslie with the addition that the press release should include direction to the Veterans website. Ms. Valdez will email the final version to the Commission.

Ms. Valdez brought forward the proposed \$10,000 Commission budget for discussion and direction. The commission discussed how the funds could be allocated. Councilmember Giordano pointed out that since the Commission is new, the actual expenses are not yet known. Ms. Valdez will take this matter to the Finance Subcommittee meeting in January 2011 for approval, and to the City Council for approval in February 2011.

IX. Future Agenda Items

The Commission discussed how new information related to Veterans events/services should be distributed and the possibility of adding veterans events to the City Calendar. It was agreed

that information should be sent to Ms. Valdez for distribution to the Commission, and Commissioner Arbaugh for inclusion on the veterans website. The Commission also discussed how the paper handouts will be returned and what to do with the information received from the forms. Councilmember Giordano suggested a full page ad in the Milpitas Post to get this information to the public.

X. Liaison Reports

City Council – Councilmember Giordano reported the following:

- The Council approved a resolution for 312 dwelling units for the Milpitas Station Project.
- The Council received a presentation from PG&E on smart-meters and the gas pipelines infrastructure in Milpitas.
- The Council directed staff to bring back suggestions for the campaign contribution ordinance next year that includes contribution limits and aggregation of contributions.
- The Council received a report on the Alviso Adobe project.

Staff – Ms. Valdez reminded members of the Veterans Commission event on November 11 where the new veterans bench will be unveiled.

Commissioner Arbaugh requested to include in the minutes the following announcement:
“Because of Dana’s membership in the Milpitas Veterans Commission, he and Linda Arbaugh will be house guests of the Martha-Ann and Supreme Court Justice Sam Alito. Sam has asked Dana to help him host a Wounded Warriors function in the Supreme Court Building that Sam is hosting on October 21. Martha-Ann is a long time friend of Linda’s.”

XI. Next Meeting - Next regular scheduled meeting is December 1, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

XII. Adjournment - Chair Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 6:16 p.m.
