

**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 2, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas**

- I. **Call to Order** – Staff called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. – Both Chair and Vice-Chair were excused from meeting so the Commission voted in Commissioner Arbaugh as Chair. Commissioner Choy moved and, Commissioner Hinshaw seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
 - II. **Flag Salute** – Chair Arbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - III. **Roll Call**

Present: Arthur Ebright, David Grundstrom, Dana Arbaugh, Bruce Choy, Mel Hinshaw, Lilliana Ramos

Absent: Denny Weisgerber (excused), Juan Samano (excused), Robert McGuire (excused)
 - IV. **Seating of Alternates** – Lilliana Ramos was seated.
 - V. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Hinshaw moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded, approval of the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of October 6, 2010 - Commissioner Ramos moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VII. **Public Forum** – No speakers.
 - VIII. **Status on Veterans Resident Registration Form**

To date the Commission has received approximately 20 registration forms from Veterans of Milpitas. The Commission has been in touch with the Veterans to find out the type of assistance, if any they are seeking. The Commission will continue to expand on the data base so that information can be sent out to the Veterans on upcoming events and other Veterans affairs that may be of interest to them.

The Commission then discussed what are the next steps as it relates to the registration forms. In the future the Commission will include this item on future agenda's so that discussion of the Veterans needs can be heard at each meeting. Staff will also send out the Agenda and Draft Minutes to the newly created directory inviting the Veterans to attend the Commission meetings. Commissioner's Arbaugh, Hinshaw and Choy will be in charge of updating database and reporting back to the Commission.
 - IX. **Discussion on Veteran's Sign**

Parks & Recreation Services Supervisor Cacao presented to the Commission a new sign donated to the City by all the Commissions in Milpitas. The Veterans sign will be placed by the existing Veterans monument's so that residents and visitors to City Hall will be aware that the City does have a spot where our Veterans are remembered. Commissioner Choy moved and, Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, on the location of the Veterans sign. The motion carried unanimously
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X. Final Discussion of Work Plan and Budget Request

XI. Staff reported back to the Commission the outcome of the Finance Subcommittee meeting of January 24, 2011 that \$1000 was approved for the Commission. The Finance Subcommittee could not approve the \$10,000 that was requested by the Commission due to lack of a detailed work plan as to what the money was going to be used for. The Commission would like to get the work plan to the City Council as soon as possible. The Commission voted to have staff work with Chair Weisgerber on finalizing the work-plan and bring back to the Commission at the next meeting. Commissioner Choy moved, and Commissioner Ebright seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Ebright requested to have discussion about Homelessness amongst Veterans at the next meeting.

XII. Liaison Reports

City Council: Councilmember Giordano reported to the Commission the upcoming meetings regarding the budget. She indicated that February 8, 2011 is the report on the recommendations from the Citizens Budget Task Force. She also reported that the Governor is proposing to take RDA monies from Cities.

Staff Report: None

XIII. Next Meeting - Next regular scheduled meeting is April 6, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment - Chair Arbaugh adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.
