

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

- I. **Call to Order** – 5:34 p.m.
 - II. **Flag Salute** – Chair Weisgerber led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - III. **Roll Call**

Present: Denny Weisgerber, Juan Samano, Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, Bruce Choy, Liliana Ramos, Eladio Aolin
 - IV. **Seating of Alternates** - none
 - V. **Approval of Agenda.** Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded, approval of the Agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of August 3, 2011-** Commissioner Grundstrom moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VII. **Public Forum** – Tom Williams, City Manager, presented the commission with a plaque from the Office of the Secretary of Defense recognizing Milpitas as a Patriotic Employer.
 - VIII. **Video Presentation of the Fallen Seals** – Councilmember Giordano played an August 6, 2011 video presentation dedicated to the fallen Seals.
 - IX. **Update of Veteran Resident Registration Forms** – Commissioner Arbaugh reported 12 new registration forms were received bringing the total to 50.
 - X. **Presentation from Parks & Recreation Department Veterans Phantom Art Gallery Display, Memorial Day 2012** – Renee Lorentzen, from the Parks and Recreation Department, handed out flyers for two events, the November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony, and the October 28 Howl at the Moon event. She reported the Milpitas Arts Commission would like to host a special art exhibit in May to coincide with Memorial Day. She solicited support from the Commission to recruit veterans for the art show at the Phantom Art Gallery. She stated they are looking for two dimensional art, paintings, photographs, etc. The Commission discussed various outreach options.

Commissioner Ebright moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded, to support the art gallery exhibition. The motion carried unanimously.
 - XI. **Discussion on tasks/assignments for the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony** – Chair Weisgerber requested everyone show up between 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Two tables will be set up with six chairs. Chair Weisgerber will bring Veterans Rights booklets and staff will provide flyers. Councilmember Giordano requested staff order name badges for the commission members. She further suggested a Veterans Event Calendar be prepared for 2012.
 - XII. **Work Plan Discussion** – Vice Chair Samano reviewed the goals for the 2011-12 Work Plan. The Commission discussed asking the Food Pantry to assist in identifying Veterans and
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developing a questionnaire for returning veterans. Vice Chair Samano suggested sponsoring a Veteran of the Year award. The commission discussed various options with Councilmember Giordano suggesting they try and get this included in the Nights of Columbus event. There was a discussion regarding the application for the award and possibly using one from other organizations. The Commission also discussed the development of a questionnaire to assist veterans who are returning to civilian life. Chair Weisgerber offered to talk to Commander Green regarding the ROTC.

XIII. **Commissioner Announcements** – Commissioner Arbaugh announced he met with Richard A. Buchanan, Director of Veterans Benefits Administration, who may be a future resource.

XIV. **Future Agenda Items**

- Disabled veterans have a handicapped spot
- Receipt of World Trade Center steel to make into a monument by September 11, 2012
- Discuss Veteran of the Year Award

XV. **Liaison Reports** – Carmen announced business cards have been ordered for the commission.

XVI. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 7, 2011

XVII. **Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
