

City of Milpitas
Draft Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 2012
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, Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, Bruce Choy, Eladio Aolin, Juan Samano, Liliana Ramos

Absent: David Grundstrom (unexcused)
 - IV. **Seating of Alternates** - Eladio Aolin was seated
 - V. **Approval of Agenda** - Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Samano seconded, approval of the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of February 1, 2012-** Commissioner Samano moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VII. **Public Forum** - Renee Lorentzen, of the Milpitas Recreation Department, requested input on the three proposed art projects for City Hall. She handed out ballots to the commissioners and asked that they be returned to her or to Carmen Valdez.

Mia Bradway Winter, of the Milpitas Community Advisory Commission, introduced herself and reviewed some of the projects her commission is working on focusing on four events – May 19 Neighborhood Adoption Program, Neighborhood Beautification Awards in August, National Night out in August, and Emergency Preparedness Town Hall meeting on October 11.
 - VIII. **Display Items for the Glass Cabinet in City Hall** – Renee Lorentzen, of the Milpitas Recreation Department, and Harriett McGuire, of the Milpitas Arts Commission, solicited for items for the City Hall display case to celebrate Memorial during the month of May. Items are due April 30 and will be returned on June 4. Ms. McGuire handed out a Collection Loan Agreement form for commissioners to use for contribution items for the display case.

Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Aolin seconded, to approve providing items for the Memorial Day City Hall display case. The motion carried unanimously.
 - IX. **Update of Veteran Resident Registration Forms** – Commissioner Arbaugh reported he has received two new applications.
 - X. **Update on Survey** - Vice Chair Samano reviewed the revised survey and noted it had been shortened to two pages. The Commission discussed and approved the new format.

Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, approval of the revised survey. The motion carried unanimously.
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- XI. **Discussion of Veteran of the Year Award** - The Commission reviewed the Veterans Award Application and decided to make the due date no later than October 1. They agreed the applicants need to provide a copy of their discharge papers or a copy of the DD-214 form. The commissioners will pass out applications, and advertise in the Milpitas Post, Channel 15, the City's website, and email employees.

Commissioner Hinshaw moved, and Commissioner Aoalin seconded, to approve the revised application. The motion carried unanimously.

- XII. **Discuss 2012 Work Plan Status** – Chair Weisgerber recommended the commission sponsor a car show as a fundraising event. He requested this item be agendaized for the next meeting.

- XIII. **Commission Announcements** - Commissioner Arbaugh noted the Diana Mihalakis flag sculpture display in memory of lost veterans which will be displayed in the City Hall rotunda starting May 16.

The Commission discussed preparations for Memorial Day confirming there will be two tables and chairs set up. Materials will include surveys, registration forms, Veteran of the Year applications, schedule of Veterans Commission meetings, and benefits books. All commissioners indicated they would be present at the event.

- XIV. **Future Agenda Items** – Discuss Commission sponsored car show

- XV. **Liaison Reports** – Councilmember Giordano gave a brief budget update.

- XVI. **Next Meeting** – June 6, 2012

- XVII. **Adjournment** – the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.
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