

City of Milpitas
Draft Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 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, Eladio Aoalin, Juan Samano, Liliana Ramos

Absent: David Grundstrom (unexcused), Bruce Choy (excused)
 - IV. **Seating of Alternates** - Liliana Ramos and Eladio Aoalin were seated
 - V. **Approval of Agenda** - Commissioner Ramos moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded, approval of the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of February 1, 2012-** Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VII. **Public Forum** – Robert Williamson, Veterans Programs Manager for the Goodwill of Silicon Valley, spoke about opportunities the Goodwill provides to veterans including supportive services for low income and homeless veterans. He requested to be on the next agenda and handed out flyers. His contact information will be added to the website.
 - VIII. **Update of Veteran Resident Registration Forms** – Commissioner Arbaugh reported there were 3 new applications. Discussion ensued on how applications are entered on the website and where to look on the website for the applications.
 - IX. **Discussion of Veteran of the Year Award** – Chair Weisgerber reviewed the progress to date. He proposed the selection committee not be members of the Veterans Commission and will contact potential committee members (3-5 members).
 - X. **Discussion of Possible Participation in MCTV 26** – Chair Weisgerber requested volunteers to participate. Chair Weisgerber and Vice Chair Samano agreed to be the spokesmen.
 - XI. **Discussion on Possible Participation in the Hall Meeting on October 11, 2012 hosted by the Community Advisory Commission** – Chair Weisgerber advocated for participation in the event and the commission agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting. The commission discussed a possible banner and table size.
 - XII. **Discussion of Potential Car Show in Milpitas** – Mike Carr gave a short presentation on the possibility of hosting a car show in Milpitas and how revenue could be generated for veterans. The commission discussed various dates and approaches to the event. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Vice Chair Samano seconded, to have a full presentation by Mr. Carr at the August 1 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
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XIII. **Discuss 2012 Work Plan Status** – Chair Weisgerber suggested itemizing the additional commission activities in the plan. The commission discussed various ideas for inclusion in the work plan including flag protocol Chair Weisgerber to provide a cheat sheet for proper flag protocol.

XIV. **Commissioner Announcements-**

Commissioner Arbaugh announced the display case needs to be cleared and asked commissioners to remove personal items. He further announced the Sister Cities have four flags to be flown for delegations.

Commissioner Ramos announced the Blue Start moms will be having a packaging event on June 23 for deployed veterans. Also, the Board of supervisors have two VSO openings.

Vice Chair Samano suggested having open seats at events to honor local veterans who have passed away. The commission discussed ways to decorate the chairs. Chair Weisgerber to research and report back at the August 1 meeting.

XV. **Future Agenda Items**

Discussion of car show

Participation in town hall meeting hosted by the CAC on October 11, 2012

Veteran of the Year Award

Open seats for deceased veterans

Review bylaws for nomination of chair/vice chair

XVI. **Liaison Reports** – Councilmember Giordano reported on the adopted City budget.

XVII. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, August 1, 2012

XVIII. **Adjournment** – 6:40 p.m.
