



City of Milpitas
Approved Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Milpitas City Hall Committee Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

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, David Grundstrom, Liliana Ramos, and Eladio Aoalin

Absent: Bruce Choy (excused), Juan Samano (excused), Debbie Giordano (excused)

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Liliana Ramos and Eladio Aoalin were seated.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of October 3, 2012

Commissioner Grundstrom moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation from Chair Mike Berryhill, Emergency Preparedness Commission

Chair Mike Berryhill from the Emergency Preparedness Commission gave a presentation on the duties of the Commission. He explained this body advises the City Council regarding emergency preparedness and disaster planning. They also try to educate the public in addition to advising the City Council. He distributed several flyers regarding these activities. He discussed ALERTSCC (Santa Clara County Emergency Alert System) which is a free, easy, and confidential way for anyone who lives or works in Santa Clara County to get emergency warnings sent directly to their cell phone, mobile device, email, or landline. Second, he discussed S.A.F.E. (Strategic Actions for Emergencies). He explained the S.A.F.E. program is part of the Federal program called C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Teams). There are eight safe teams throughout the city of Milpitas that are trained on disaster preparedness. He encouraged commissioners to review the emergency preparedness link on the

City web site. This page is available to all residents and has information on emergency preparedness and planning ahead for disasters.

2. Silicon Valley Reads Project – Commissioner Arbaugh

Commissioner Arbaugh reported the Librarian is requesting the Veterans Commission assist in promoting this project to local veterans especially since the theme of this quarter is “invisible effects of war.”

Staff liaison Renee Lorentzen added that February 22nd is The Long Walk book review by Brian Caster. Immediately following, they will be showing a 30 minute film called “Striking a Chord.” This project is similar to a book club. Every quarter they pick a couple of books they want the community to read together, then they meet and the authors speak about the book, and then follow it up with the film.

Commissioner Arbaugh said he will email the commissioners with the details on this book and how many copies are available at the library.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued Discussion on Potential Car Show in Milpitas in October 2013 – Chair Weisgerber

Chair Weisgerber reported Juan, Art, and he met with Mike Carr to discuss the car show event. Discussion followed regarding soliciting sponsors, getting goodie bags, advertising, and the site of the event. Chair Weisgerber suggested the old Mervyn’s parking lot as a possible site for the car show. He asked staff for the Mervyn’s contact information and he would see if it is available. He asked commissioners to look for a back up site in case the Mervyn’s site is not available. Chair Weisgerber asked if the commission is still interested in pursuing this event after hearing about the work that is involved in putting this together. There was further discussion regarding food services, health permits, insurance, trophies, raffle tickets, etc. Commissioner Ebright added that Mike Carr would handle the judging and setting up the entertainment. He added obtaining a viable site is the most important element at this time.

Staff liaison Lorentzen commented that it is a lot of work the first time, but the fact that it is a fundraiser to help Veterans is going to be a major plus. You’re not going to have a lack of participation by any means, but there will be some prep work but once the ball starts rolling; it is exciting and very rewarding at the end.

Commissioner Hinshaw stated he feels the administrative tasks would be the most difficult part of the event. He asked the subcommittee who is responsible for these tasks.

Commissioner Ebright reiterated that Mike Carr would assist the commission, but the commission is managing the show.

Staff liaison Lorentzen explained the process of putting this kind of event together. She stated the commission would break themselves into subcommittees, the subcommittees would report their progress at the commission meetings, and staff would be there to assist, as well as Mike Carr, to keep the commission on track.

Chair Weisgerber asked for a motion on whether the commission is interested in pursuing this event.

Commissioner Arbaugh moved and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded the motion to move forward with the event, and return back to the next meeting with the confirmed location, dates, and logistics. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion on Veteran of the Year Plaque

Staff liaison Lorentzen reported there were currently four plaques on the wall and there was no commonality with the wording on any of the plaques.

Commissioner Hinshaw suggested the wording be, "In Honor of Your Outstanding Service to Your Country and Community." Conversation followed about the perpetual plaque and additional suggestions were discussed

Commissioner Ramos moved and Commissioner Aoalin seconded the motion to approve the quote "In Honor of Your Outstanding Service to Your Country and Community." The motion passed unanimously.

X. COMMISSIONER ACCOUNCEMENTS

1. Commissioner Grundstrom stated during the Veterans ceremony one of his fellow employees notified him that her husband, who had served in Vietnam, had recently passed away and he would like to submit his name for the developer's new city street list. Staff requested Grundstrom to email his name to her and she would add it to the list.
2. Commissioner Arbaugh announced the Library Veterans display was dismantled November 30th. He said the Veterans display will be up every year during the months of October and November. Chair Weisgerber suggested we calendar this event for the August meeting. Staff noted this request.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update/Revisit Work Plan
- Election of Chair/Vice Chair

XII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council - None
2. Staff Report – Staff liaison Lorentzen announced approximately 800 people were in attendance for the Tree Lighting event. She also announced that the Festival of the Trees event is scheduled for December 13th at 5:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to attend.

XIII. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 6, 2013

XIV. ADJOURNMENT - 6:40 p.m.