



City of Milpitas
Approved Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
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, David Grundstrom, Bruce Choy, Liliana Ramos, and Mel Hinshaw

Absent: Juan Samano and Ferdinand Luis, Jr.

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Liliana Ramos was seated.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Weisgerber corrected Item #1 under New Business. He stated a total of six checks were received for a total amount of \$345. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of February 6, 2013

Chair Weisgerber corrected the date on the minutes to February 6, 2013. Commissioner Grundstrom moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Donations Received

Chair Weisgerber stated there were several donations made to the Commission recently and discussion followed on how the funds could be used. Chair Weisgerber informed the Commission that Henry Mattos recently passed and suggested creating a memorial for Mr. Mattos such as a bench and/or plaque. Staff Liaison Valdez said she would research the cost for the bench and plaque and bring it back to the next meeting. There was also discussion of his name being added to the new city streets list.

Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded the motion to pursue the research for a bench and plaque for the Henry Mattos memorial. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Car Show

Chair Weisgerber reviewed the details and logistics of the car show. Staff Liaison Valdez stated the special event permit was ready for the Chair's signature, and she was also working with the Traffic Engineer to obtain the layout of the parking lot at the community center. Discussion followed regarding the subcommittees and their duties, notifying the nearby businesses of the event and possible donations, donating the proceeds from the car show to local Veteran charities, preserving Veteran memorials and monuments throughout the City, and purchasing new flags and replacing worn-out flags. During the discussion, Commissioner Ramos suggested the Commission meet monthly to prepare for the car show. There was further discussion about the time needed to prepare for the event.

Commissioner Ramos moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded the motion to start meeting monthly until the car show in October 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Work Plan

Staff Liaison Valdez submitted the Work Plan for 2013. Discussion followed regarding the various items on the plan and additional items the Commission would like to include in the Work Plan.

Commissioner Grundstrom moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded the motion to approve and submit the 2013 Work Plan to Council. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Veteran of Year Plaque

Staff Liaison Valdez informed the Commission the plaque had been ordered and should be on the wall by the next regular Veterans Commission meeting.

XI. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Weisgerber announced he attended and represented the Veterans Commission at the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, "Sons of San Jose Vietnam Memorial" in San Jose for the 142 residents who were killed in Vietnam during that war. He stated it was a very nice ceremony with about 300 to 400 people in attendance.

Commissioner Ebright read a letter from a student who was writing an English paper regarding World War II. In the letter, the student asked for assistance to find Veterans who are 80 years or older who would be willing to be interviewed for his project. Several commissioners said they knew someone who could possibly help him and took the student's information for follow-up.

Commissioner Arbaugh announced Chair Weisgerber and he attended author Brian Castner's event at the Library on February 22nd. He stated it was well attended.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – There was nothing to add for the next meeting.

XIII. LIAISON REPORTS

- A. City Council – City Council member Debbie Indihar Giordano discussed the previous night’s City Council meeting. She said the Council approved a couple 1880 illuminated billboards which will bring in revenue for the City, the upcoming budget hearings, and the next fiscal year budget. She also announced the Alviso Adobe Park was open and encouraged everyone to visit the park.

- B. Staff Report – Staff Liaison Valdez reminded the Commission about the Commissioners Luncheon April 13th at 12:00 p.m. Staff Liaison Valdez also asked the Commission if it would like the “Remembrance Chair” which was at the Veterans Ceremony to be set up at the upcoming Memorial Ceremony. There was a consensus by the Commission to have the chair at the Memorial Ceremony also.

XIV. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 1, 2013

XV. ADJOURNMENT – 6:26 p.m.