



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Draft Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
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:** Vice Chair Arbaugh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- III. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Dana Arbaugh, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Andre Ramones, Ed Ackerman, Allen Thomas

Excused Absence: Denny Weisgerber, Liliana Ramos

Unexcused Absence: None

- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** William Devereux

- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: DECEMBER 2, 2016**
M/S: Thomas / Ackerman
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 7, 2015**
M/S: Thomas / Ebright
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0

- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None

- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**
Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy welcomed new Alternate Member #1 William (Bill) Devereux to the Commission. Alternate Member Devereux was appointed to the Commission in January 2016.

IX.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Milpitas Veterans Car Show (2016)

Vice Chair Arbaugh thanked City staff for the help that the Commission received and acknowledged that the 3rd Annual Milpitas Veterans Car Show in 2015 was successful. The following items were discussed:

Sponsors List

Consensus was made for Commissioners Ebright and Ackerman to work together as a subcommittee and take the lead for generating this year's sponsors list. The Commission requested Staff Liaison Flunoy to provide last year's sponsors list as a starting point for developing this year's sponsors list.

Recipient List

The Commission developed a preliminary list of nominees for this year's Car Show, which are:

- Chaplain's Office (Palo Alto, CA)
- Defenders Lodge (Palo Alto, CA)
- Retaining the Village (Menlo Park, CA)
- United Service Organization (San Jose, CA)

More recipient nominees might be added to the list in the near future. Once the nominee list is completed, the Commission will vote for this year's check recipients. Vice Chair Arbaugh noted the importance of having the recipients receive their checks at the event so that attendees will see where the event's proceeds are going to "a good cause."

Streamlining of Award Categories for this Year's Event

Discussion and consensus was made to explore and implement Commissioner Ackerman's suggestion to revise this year's award categories in order to increase attendance and participation. A subcommittee was formed which is composed of Commissioners Ackerman and Ebright. The new subcommittee will take the lead in reviewing the list of car show attendees and registrants in 2014 and 2015, tabulating the categories found in both event years, creating a list of possible award categories to add and delete for this year's upcoming event, and reporting the results of their work to the entire Commission.

Car Show Logo

Staff Liaison Flunoy suggested for the Commission to open up discussions regarding this year's logo. He pointed out that the past logo has been used for the past three events.

Discussion and consensus was made to contact the graphic designer for the original logo, request him through Commissioner Ramos to come up with three sample / concept logos, and have Commission members to vote on which logo would be best to use for this year's car show on the next meeting.

X.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers

Commissioner Arbaugh was elected as the new Chair. Commissioner Arbaugh was elected as the new Vice Chair.

2. Discuss Work Plan

Staff Liaison Flunoy and Councilmember Giordano guided the Commissioners through a discussion regarding this year’s work plan. Consensus was made on a 2016 work plan which would be presented before the Mayor and City Council for their approval during the February 16, 2016 meeting.

Motion to approve the 2016 Work Plan and present it before the City Council for approval during the February 16, 2016 Council meeting.

M/S: Ramones / Ackerman

Ayes: All

XII. LIAISON REPORT

1. City Council Report

Councilmember Giordano reported that the city is busier than ever in terms of residential development projects, building permit issuance, and business attraction as new business are welcomed to the community. The city’s current unemployment rate is 3.5 percent (compared to Santa Clara County’s unemployment rate of approximately 5 to 5 ½ percent), which is encouraging and exciting for the city. The low percentage is an indication that more people are choosing to live and work in Milpitas.

Information was also shared regarding the following issues and/or upcoming events:

- Milpitas Community Center sound system upgrade
- Summer Movie Night at Barbara Lee Senior Center
- Summer Concerts at Murphy Park
- AARP tax assistance, Phantom Art Gallery display, and Bingo Night at Barbara Lee Senior Center
- Commissioner Recognition Luncheon on Saturday, April 30, 2016
- July 4th 2016 celebration at the Milpitas Sports Center fields
- Passing of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 270.3 regarding additional prohibitions implemented on marijuana dispensaries as well as manufacturing, cultivation, and delivery of cannabis in Milpitas
- Milpitas’ successful kick-off event for Super Bowl 50

2. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Flunoy provided the Commissioners with answers and/or clarification regarding the upcoming 2016 Work Plan presentation before City Council and the Commission Recognition Luncheon in April 2016.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2016 Work Plan updates
- 2016 Car Show
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Flag Challenge – TBD

XIII. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Arbaugh adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

*Draft Minutes above respectfully submitted by
Pam Caronongan, Milpitas Deputy City Clerk*