

**City of Milpitas  
Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 7, 2010  
Time: 5:30 p.m.  
Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas**

**I. Call to Order – 5:31 p.m.**

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Roll Call**

**Present:** Denny Weisgerber, Dana Arbaugh, Juan Samano, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, Liliana Ramos, Robert McGuire, Bruce Choy (arrived at 5:36 p.m.)

**IV. Seating of Alternates – Liliana Ramos was seated as first alternate**

**V. Public Forum**

Alvin Henry White, a resident of San Jose, addressed the Commission regarding his concern on a court martial.

**VI. Election of Officers**

Staff Liaison Carmen Valdez opened the nominations for the Chair. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded, to nominate Denny Weisgerber as the Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Weisgerber opened the nomination for Vice Chair. Commissioner Samano moved to nominate himself, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Review of By-Laws - Chair**

Chair Weisgerber opened the discussion to review of the Commission Bylaws. The Commission entered into a discussion regarding the frequency and time of the meetings. Commissioner Hinshaw moved, and Commissioner Ebright seconded, to meet bi-monthly and hold meetings on the second Wednesday every other month at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed the need to have a more in-depth review the Bylaws and requested staff to bring copies of other City's Bylaws to expand on the responsibilities of the Commission. Staff suggested a review of the Work Plan before adding more detail to the Bylaws. The Commission was in agreement

**VIII. Veterans Memorial Improvement \and Bench – Staff Liaison: Carmen Valdez**

CIP Manager, Steve Erickson, reviewed two options for the location of the Veterans Memorial Park:

- Option I – Improve the Memorial Park at the current location in the plaza.
  - Option II - Move the Memorial Park back to the original location.
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Staff recommended Option I, to keep the Memorial Park in the current location with the proposed improvements presented.

Commissioner Grundstrom moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded, to accept Option I and keep the Veterans Memorial Park in its current location with the suggested improvements. The motion carried unanimously.

Renee Lorentzen, Acting Recreation Services Supervisor, reviewed the design of the Veterans bench and noted it would be dedicated in May. The Commission commented that the medals on the back of the bench were not representative of the various branches of the military.

**IX. Future Agenda Items**

Chair Weisgerber felt the next regular meeting should focus on a review of the Work Plan, the Bylaws, and the Brown Act. He suggested a special meeting be held to finish the Work Plan and Bylaws before the next regular meeting of the Commission.

**X. Liaison Reports**

City Council – Councilmember Giordano expressed her gratitude to serve on this Commission noting she has relatives serving as far back as the Civil War.

Staff – Carmen reminded everyone of the Commissioners Brunch on Saturday, April 10 at Dave and Busters. She encouraged members to RSVP to Dale Flunoy. She also reported the State of the Community Address by the Mayor on April 21 at 5:30 p.m. The Mayor would like to introduce the members of the Veterans Commission at this event. Commission members are to RSVP to Veronica Bejines.

**XI. Next Meeting** - The Commission agreed to a Special Meeting on Wednesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m., in the Committee Meeting Room.

**XII. Adjournment** - Chair Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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