

**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2011
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, Juan Samano, Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, Liliana Ramos, Robert McGuire

Absent: Bruce Choy -excused

IV. Seating of Alternates – Liliana Ramos was seated.

V. Approval of Agenda – Chair Weisgerber requested an item be added as XI. for announcements to this agenda and upcoming agendas. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded, approval of the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes – Minutes of February 2, 2011- Commissioner Ramos moved, and Vice Chair Samano seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Public Forum – No speakers.

VIII. Update of Veteran Resident Registration Forms

Commissioner Arbaugh reported 30 registration forms have been received to date. He will answer specific questions from veterans or direct them to the website. Chair Weisgerber suggested referring veterans to other members of the commission if he cannot answer a specific question.

IX. Final Discussion of Work Plan

The Commission reviewed the work plan and consider it a working document that will evolve over time. Commissioner Arbaugh suggested edits to the verbiage regarding the website.

Commissioner Hinshaw moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded, to approve the Work Plan with edits for submission to the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

X. Discussion of Homelessness Among Veterans

Chair Weisgerber and Commissioner Ebright reported they attended a January 26 meeting on homeless veterans. They found the program to be very proactive. Materials from this meeting will be posted on the veterans website as well as sent to the Chief of Police and Fire Chief with a cover letter.

The commission discussed advertising costs and the content for an ad in the Milpitas Post. Councilmember Giordano suggested submitting a request for \$500 to the Finance Subcommittee. The commission agreed the ad should be run in May.

Vice Chair Samano moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded, to approve the ad for publication in the Milpitas Post on May 27. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. Announcements

Chair Weisgerber reviewed various veterans events for the next few months. He also informed the commission of a March 24-25, 2012 Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event, and a June 4, 2011 Veterans Appreciation Day.

Commissioner Ramos reported the Human Resource Center has opened at the VA.

XII. Future Agenda Items

Carmen Valdez requested commissioners email her with agenda items for the June 1 commission meeting. Some ideas included a potential veterans workshop and/or adding with another City event. The commission agreed to add an item on each agenda on communication with veterans.

XIII. Liaison Reports

City Council: Councilmember Giordano reported on the budget progress and program cuts, contract negotiations, water/sewer rate increases, and potential elimination of the RDA.

Staff Report: Carmen reminded everyone of the Commissioner Brunch on Saturday, April 9.

XIV. Next Meeting - Next regular scheduled meeting is June 1, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

XV. Adjournment - Chair Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. .
