

**City of Milpitas  
Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 1, 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** – Vice Chair Samano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

**Present:** Juan Samano, Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, Bruce Choy, Liliana Ramos

**Absent:** Denny Weisgerber

**IV. Seating of Alternates** - Liliana Ramos was seated

**V. Approval of Agenda.** Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded, approval of the Agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Approval of Minutes** – Minutes of April 5, 2011- Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ebright 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 five new registration forms have been received, one online and four hard copies, bringing the total to 35 registration forms. A response is sent to new veterans advising them of veterans' events and commission meetings. The Commission discussed ways to further publicize the Commission activities including scheduling special meetings to plan events and an ad in the Milpitas Post.

**IX. Discussion of VFW or American Legion in Milpitas – Commissioner Grundstrom**

Commissioner Grundstrom briefly discussed the idea of having an American Legion post in Milpitas. He will gather more facts on how to get a post started and report back to the Commission.

**X. San Jose Veterans Homeless Shelter – Commissioner Arbaugh**

Commissioner Arbaugh reported on his trip to the San Jose Veterans Homeless Shelter. He distributed a flyer showing the many services offered to veterans. In speaking with various veterans at the shelter, the most interest was in discount medical care, access to free computers, legal assistance, job search, low cost housing, educational help, and counseling when incarcerated. The Commission agreed that these services are already offered at various government agencies and no action was taken.

**XI. Discussion of Ceremonial Flags flown at City Hall and Possible Update to the Flag Ordinance – Chair Weisgerber**

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This item was deferred to the August 3 meeting.

**XII. Commission Announcements**

Commissioner Ramos announced a June 3 American 564 event, and a June 4 Veterans Appreciation Day. Vice Chair Samano announced that Commissioner Grundstrom received the Purple Heart. He further announced he attended a National Guard Leadership meeting and reported the crime rate is up for veterans believed to be caused by Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

Special meetings for planning Veterans events  
Veterans ad in the Milpitas Post and other publications  
Discussion of Veterans Day events from a member of Parks and Recreation staff

**XIV. Liaison Reports**

Councilmember Giordano – absent

Carmen Valdez – Commission should review work and asked commissioners to encourage Milpitas veterans to apply for the vacancy on the commission.

**XV. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 3, 2011**

**XVI. Adjournment: 6:35 p.m.**

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