

City of Milpitas
Approved Veterans Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 1, 2012
5:30 p.m.

Milpitas City Hall Committee Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:38 P.M.

II. FLAG SALUTE - Chair Weisgerber led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Denny Weisgerber Dana Arbaugh, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, Eladio Aoalin, Juan Samano, Liliana Ramos

Absent: David Grundstrom (unexcused), Bruce Choy (excused)

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES - Liliana Ramos and Eladio Aoalin were seated.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ramos moved, and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of June 6, 2012

Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ramos seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Alvin White advised he finally received his retirement and back pay due him from the Veterans Administration.

A guest representing the Hindu Festival invited the Commission to its festival August 5, 2012, at the Peter Gill Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m.

Councilmember Giordano announced she would be leaving at 6:00 p.m. and had nothing to report as the liaison to the City Council since the Council did not meet in July.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Election of Officers – Chair Weisgerber

Chair Weisgerber asked the Commission to nominate commissioners for Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the term as determined by the Commission Bylaws. Staff Liaison Valdez stated the term will be for six months and the commission will have an election of officers in 2013 at its first meeting of the year which is February.

Commissioner Arbaugh moved and Vice Chair Samano seconded the motion to nominate Chair Weisgerber to Chair.

Chair Weisgerger moved and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded the motion to nominate Vice Chair Samano to Chair.

Chair Weisgerber asked the commissioners for nominations for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Ebright moved and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded the motion to nominate Vice Chair Samano to Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Samano moved and Commissioner Aoalin seconded the motion to nominate Arbaugh for Vice Chair.

Chair Weisgerber asked for a vote (show of hands) for the nominations.

Weisgerber for Chair:	(4)
Samano for Chair:	(3)
Samano for Vice Chair:	(5)
Arbaugh for Vice Chair:	(2)

Chair Weisgerber announced the Chair (Weisgerber) and Vice Chair (Samano) will remain the same for a term of six months until February 2013.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Potential Car Show – April 2013

Chair Weisgerber stated Mike Carr was unable to make the presentation tonight because of a prior commitment. There was discussion regarding the time commitment, the size of the show, and possible dates including Memorial Day and Veterans Day. The Commission agreed it would be best to wait for Mike Carr's presentation to make a decision.

Staff Liaison Valdez stated when she receives Mike Carr's proposal; she will email it to the commissioners and agendaize his presentation for the October meeting.

2. Discussion of Veteran of the Year Award

Staff Liaison Valdez stated no applications have been received yet, but she reminded the Commission that the deadline is not until October which is probably the reason for the delay of submissions. She said staff will continue to promote this Award.

Discussion continued regarding when to recognize the Veteran of the Year and possibly tying it in with other recognition awards such as the Knights of Columbus. Staff agreed that Veterans Day would be the ideal time along with a certificate, plaque and/or certificate.

Chair Weisgerber agreed to contact the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Milpitas Post, Citizen of the Year, and City Manager to see if they are interested in being on the selection committee.

Staff Liaison Valdez said staff will handle the plaque, certificate, and gift certificate. She said this item will be placed on the next agenda to discuss the details.

3. Proper Flag Protocol

Commissioners discussed and compared the flag protocol handouts. Staff Liaison Valdez requested commissioners review the handouts and email their revisions to her. She will submit the final flag protocol handout at the next meeting for approval.

4. Participation in the Town Hall Meeting hosted by the Community Advisory Commission on October 11, 2012

There was discussion regarding the banner and table for the event. Chair Weisgerber stated it was approximately \$130 for the banner and the banner can be produced in approximately two weeks. Commissioners all agreed the banner should be white with dark blue letters and recognize each branch of the service (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard).

Staff Liaison Valdez stated after staff creates the layout, she will email it to the commissioners to review. She also said she would email Samantha Beard, the CAC Chair, to obtain the time of the event.

Vice Chair Samano volunteered to coordinate the literature for the table at the event.

Commissioner Hinshaw moved and Commissioner Arbaugh seconded the motion to spend \$130 for the banner. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ramos moved and Commissioner Ebright seconded the motion to authorize staff to create the layout for the banner. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Veterans Day Ceremony

Chair Weisgerber stated Recreation staff is starting to work on the ceremony and asked the Commission if there was anything they would like to add to the ceremony. There was discussion regarding the Veteran of the Year being recognized at the ceremony and also recognizing the missing veterans. The Commission decided to have one chair with a black cloth placed over it, and a single white rose on top, to represent all missing veterans and to also include the crests of the five services. They agreed the chair should be in the front row and the front seat closest to the podium. Commissioner Samano agreed to work with recreation staff to coordinate the logistics of the chair.

VIII. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Arbaugh announced the Milpitas Public Library is offering the Veterans Commission a display case for October and November in honor of Veterans Day. Staff Liaison Valdez said she will check with staff on the status of the City Hall display case and when the items will be removed.

Commissioner Arbaugh informed the Commission that Robert Williamson, Veterans Programs Manager for the Goodwill of Silicon Valley, offered to be the permanent contact for veterans looking for employment and support services. He also noted that Robert Williamson's contact information is located on the City website.

Commissioner Ramos announced several events for the upcoming weekend "Spirit of 45" and a Military Career Expo at the USS Hornet. She also stated the San Jose Veterans Day Parade is in need of Navy and Marine representation and asked for assistance from the commissioners.

Commissioner Hinshaw announced that San Mateo County recently started a Veterans Court similar to the Santa Clara County Veterans Court. The Courts deal specifically with trying to guide and assist veterans in the legal process.

Chair Weisgerber announced he will be out of town from August 12th through the 22nd and October 30th to November 4th.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update and Revisit the Work Plan at the February meeting.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

There was no liaison report from staff.

XI. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 3, 2012

XII. ADJOURNMENT – 6:35 p.m.