



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
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:** Chair Weisgerber led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Denny Weisgerber, Ed Ackerman, Bruce Choy, Arthur Ebright, Andre Ramones, Liliana Ramos, Allen Thomas (5:45 PM)

Excused Absence: Dana Arbaugh
Unexcused Absence: None
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ed Ackerman
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: JUNE 3, 2015**
M/S: Arbaugh/Ramos
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 1, 2015**
M/S: Ramos/Arbaugh
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**
Recreation Manager Renee Lorentzen formally introduced Dale Flunoy, Acting Recreation Supervisor, as the new Staff Liaison for the Veterans Commission.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. **3rd Annual Car Show – Chair Wesigerber**
Chair Weisgerber lead the discussion on the 3rd Annual Car Show and received feedback from the Commissioners. Chair Weisgerber shared that Vice Chair Arbaugh would also be meeting with the manager of Honda of Milpitas to see if they would be interested in sponsoring the event.

The following subcommittees were formed with the respective members:
Administrative Subcommittee - Chair Weisgerber, Commissioner Ebright, Commissioner Ackerman
Sponsors & Donations – Vice Chair Arbaugh, Commissioner Ebright, Commissioner Ackerman
Volunteers – Commissioner Ramos, Commissioner Ramones

Discussion was held to charge \$50.00 per table for vendor tables.

Motion to approve all action items on the 3rd Annual Car Show Event Timeline for April and June.
M/S: Ramos/Ebright Ayes: All
 2. **Veteran Commission Advertisement**

The Commission discussed doing two mailings to the residents to generate additional Veteran List membership and awareness of the Veterans Commission and its resources. The Commission was specifically interested in utilizing the outreach available through the City water bills. Staff suggested that rather than a message on the Water Bill that they put a message on the Water Bill envelope. This method has been used in other City program marketing campaigns.

Motion to bring back envelope artwork to the August meeting for Commission review.

M/S: Ackerman/Ramos

Ayes: All

NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorial Day Event Review

Discussion was held about the Veterans Commission taking a more active role in working with staff to create the City's Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremony programs.

Motion to further discuss improvements to be made for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies.

M/S: Ebright/Ackerman

Ayes: All

2. "Adopt a Veteran For a Day"

The Veterans Commission discussed an interest in approaching the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) on working with the schools to start an annual "Adopt a Veteran For A Day".

Motion to have Commission Weisgerber approach the Milpitas Unified School District to work on "Adopt A Veteran For a Day."

M/S: Ramos/Ackerman

Ayes: All

XII. LIAISON REPORT

1. City Council: Councilmember Giordano told the Commission that there was a vote for the plastic bag ban with a vote of 4-1. She also said that the Mayor asked that 5% of all new building projects have affordable housing. City Council is also doing a nexus study to see about more affordable housing. There is also a proposal for an Ethics Hotline to report any problems with employees and ethics.

2. Staff Reports: Commission Liaison announced that the Green Thumbs club collected money for the Blue Star Memorial Plaque. Staff also stated that Roseann Constable could be at all the Summer Concerts to sell and promote the quilt to raise money for the Memorial.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Flag Challenge
- Veterans Day Program 2015
- Memorial Day Program 2016
- Government Ordinance and Brown Act review

XIII. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, August 6, 2015, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Weisgerber adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on August 6, 2015.

Pam Caronongan
Recording Secretary / Milpitas Deputy City Clerk