

**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 7, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

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

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Ebright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **FLAG SALUTE:** Vice Chair Ebright led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Denny Weisgerber, Dana Arbaugh, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Ed Ackerman, John Schmidt, Ricardo Martinez

Excused Absence: Andre Ramones

Late Attendance: Liliana Ramos (arrived at 5:40PM)

Unexcused Absence: None
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ricardo Martinez
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: DECEMBER 7, 2016**
M/S: Weisgerber/Ackerman AYES: All
- VI. **APPROAVL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 12, 2016**
M/S: Weisgerber/Ramos AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None.
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**
Vice Chair Ebright requested the Commission to sign the thank you card that he had a card for Rosalinda Lively for providing music during the Veterans Commission Luncheon.

Staff Liaison Flunoy then announced and passed literature shared by Commissioner Devereux during the Veterans Luncheon. The literature outlined as to how the City of San Jose helped its 500 homeless veterans.

Staff Liaison Flunoy also announced that during the next meeting, which is scheduled in February 2017, Commissioner Ramos would like to discuss the feedback that she received during the last Veterans Day ceremony.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Milpitas Veterans Car Show 2016

Vice-Chair Ebright led the discussion on who would be check recipients for this year, reminding the Commission that the recipients would include the Guide Dogs for the Blind. The Commission would still need to select two more check recipients.

Motion made to have the Defenders' Lodge at Palo Alto, and Semper Fi be the remaining two check recipients for this year.

M/S: Weisgerber/Ackerman

AYES: All

Discussions were made regarding options or avenues to better reach out to non-profit organizations that provide services to veterans – particularly Milpitas veterans. Ideas were discussed outlining ways on how non-profit organizations could be informed of the availability of Commission grant funds, made aware of the Commission website address and application forms to facilitate process of applying for grant funds, and to be considered as a potential check recipient in the near or distant future.

Motion made for the Commission to direct Commissioner Ackerman to draft an informational letter and for Chair Arbaugh to work with Milpitas Post in having said informational letter printed (pending Commission approval).

M/S: Weisgerber/Schmidt

AYES: All

2. Veterans Appreciation Lunch

In response to Vice-Chair Ebright's question, Staff Liaison Flunoy said that staff has not received all the final receipts for the event. Staff Liaison Flunoy stated that he believed that there might be left-over funds from the \$3,600 beginning balance, which would be carried over to fund next year's Veterans Appreciation Lunch.

Consensus was made to continue the discussion regarding this item during the next meeting.

Motion made for the Commission to host an annual Veterans Appreciation Lunch, with the date, cost and time to be determined every year. The 2017 Veterans Appreciation Lunch is tentatively scheduled for November 4, 2017.

M/S: Arbaugh/Devereux

AYES: All

Motion made to form a Subcommittee to facilitate planning for next year's Veterans Appreciation Lunch. The Subcommittee will be composed of Commissioner Ackerman, Commissioner Weisgerber, and Vice-Chair Ebright.

M/S: Arbaugh/Weisgerber

AYES: All

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

a. City Council Report

None

b. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Flunoy reminded the Commission regarding Commissioner Ramos' request to place on the February 1, 2017 agenda the discussions regarding the 2016 Veterans Day Ceremony and the feedback received from attendees – particularly veterans – regarding the event.

Staff Liaison Flunoy also reminded the Commission that the Commission will be voting for Chair and Vice-Chair during the next meeting.

Motion made to move the regularly-scheduled Veterans Commission meeting to February 8, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

M/S: Weisgerber/Schmidt

AYES: All

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 2016 Veterans Day Ceremony feedback (February 8th)
- Election of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair (February 8th)
- Memorial Day Ceremony 2017 (May 29th)
- Veterans Outreach (continuous)
- Veterans Service Office Presentation (April 5th)

XIII. NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Vice-Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.