



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

**Via Teleconference
Milpitas, CA 95035**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Ramos led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Lilliana Ramos, Darl Travis, William (Bill) Devereux, Victorino Monzon,
Excused Absence: Reynaldo Lingad, Bruce Choy, Rocky Lallana, Puneet Sandhu
Late Attendance: None
Unexcused Absence: None
City Staff Present: Recreation Supervisor Josh Clevenger and Staff Liaison Lisa Ciardella
Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **October 6, 2021**
M/S: Devereux/Monzon AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **August 4, 2021**
M/S: Monzon/Devereux AYES: All
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
None.
9. **BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - a. **Veterans Day Ceremony 2021**
To facilitate discussions, Recreation Supervisor Josh Clevenger and Staff Liaison provided an

update as to the planning of the Veterans Day Ceremony. The singer for the National Anthem will be Ciara Senados, a teen from Center Stage Performing Arts. Commissioners will gather items to give out at the Ceremony. Chair Ramos and Commissioner Monzon will be present at the Veterans reference table to greet the public. Dana Arbaugh will be the keynote speaker. Staff will work on the blocking of the program.

b. Veteran of the Year 2021

Nominations for Veteran of the Year are due by October 29, 2021. Please submit nominations. The Chief of Fire, Chief of Police and Mayor Tran will review the applications and select the Veteran of the Year.

c. Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)

The Commission discussed on how to involve the NJROTC in Commission activities and provide non-monetary support to the NJROTC. Chair Ramos shared that in the past, the NJROTC was involved in Commission activities.

Commissioner Monzon volunteered to speak with the NJROTC's commander-in-charge to explore ways on how the NJROTC and the Commission can better interface. Chair Ramos will connect Commissioner Monzon with the NJROTC representative.

d. Adopt-A-Vet Program

The Commission discussed about re-activating the Adopt-A-Vet Program. Chair Ramos provided an update. She has attempted to make contact with Rose and Sinnott elementary schools, and has made a curriculum.

Consensus was made for the Commission to continue discussions.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

Mayor Tran expressed his excitement for the Veterans Day Ceremony and thanked the Commission and staff for the work they have done for the ceremony.

2. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Ciardella updated the Commission on the following items:

- Pumpkins in the Park will be held on October 23, 2021.
- Monsters at the Pool will be held on October 23, 2021.
- There will be a park clean up on Saturday October 16, 2021
- The Senior Center will be holding Trunk full of Resources on October 30, 2021
- People that can knit or crochet are needed to make scarves and blankets for our Holiday Magic on Main Street event.
- Covid testing is held at the Milpitas Community Center and the Milpitas Sports Center
- Recreation Supervisor

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Veterans Memorial Bricks
- Veterans Chamber of Commerce

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

13. **NEXT MEETING**

- Regular (Virtual) Meeting – Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Lisa Ciardella, Staff Liaison