



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

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

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

Excused Absence: John Schmidt and Andre Ramones

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy
Recording Secretary Pam Caronongan
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ricardo Martinez was seated as a voting member.
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: OCTOBER 4, 2017**
M/S: Weisgerber / Ackerman AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
AUGUST 2, 2017
M/S: Weisgerber / Ramos AYES: All

SEPTEMBER 20, 2017
M/S: Weisgerber / Ackerman AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**
Staff Liaison Flunoy reminded and invited the Commissioners regarding the City Recreation Services' upcoming and first-ever Oktoberfest.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. **Milpitas Veterans Car Show 2017**
Discussions continued regarding the car show, which included but had not been limited to the Commission's budget, status regarding current and new sponsors, volunteers, the number of registered car show entrants – this year's entrant numbers were noted to be higher compared to last and previous years, goodie bags, dog tag giveaways, raffle prizes, and choosing RayMix as this year's disk jockey (DJ).

Motion was made for the Commission to accept staff's recommendation to secure RayMix as this year's DJ.

M/S: Arbaugh / Devereux

AYES: All

After the motion passed, the Commission discussed about volunteers and shift assignments, logistic-related arrangements during the event for smoother flow, t-shirts and trophy orders, event programming, check recipient nominees and the Commission's desire to have these recipients present during the event, marketing and advertising, and nametags.

2. Veterans Recognition Lunch 2017

After Chair Ebright opened the discussion, the Commission replied to Vice-Chair Weisgerber inquiry by confirming that Neil Lichtman from Know-A-Vet would be the event's guest speaker.

Chair Ebright then shared pricing information from The Party Helpers, thus opening the discussion regarding the Commission's agreed-upon per-person budgeted expense and selections for the meal. Also discussed were raffle prizes as well as seating and accommodations.

Chair Ebright asked Mayor Tran if the latter could attend the event. Mayor Tran extended his regrets in advance that he already has a scheduled military duty in North Carolina on the weekend of the event. Discussions were made regarding the possibility of having Mayor Tran be able to welcome and thank the veterans via Skype.

3. Veterans Day Ceremony

Chair Ebright reported that Planning Commission member Ray Maglalang requested if the Planning Commission could pass out 4 x 8 American flags to commemorate the ceremony. Vice Chair Weisgerber suggested and Chair Ebright agreed that it would be best for the Planning Commission to pass out the flags before and after the ceremony.

Commissioner Arbaugh shared that he had a nominee for the 2017 Veteran of the Year award, which opened the discussion regarding expanding veteran outreach to obtain more nominees. Per Staff Liaison Flunoy's suggestion, the Commission agreed to agendaize and discuss the item during the Commission's Wednesday, October 11, 2017 special meeting. Staff Liaison Flunoy and Mayor Tran confirmed that Mayor Tran accepted the Commission's invitation to be the ceremony's key speaker.

Commissioner Ackerman suggested for Milpitas police officer Mark Doyle to sing the national anthem during the ceremony. The Commission agreed to continue discussions as to who would sing the national anthem as well as other pending matters during the Commission's subsequent meetings prior to the event.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

a. City Council Report

Staff Liaison Flunoy and the Commission, per Mayor Tran's request, provided an update regarding discussion on the Veteran Fee Waiver program from the August 2, 2017 Commission meeting. Mayor Tran shared with the Commission that he would support for the approval of the Veteran Fee Waiver program.

b. Staff Report

None.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Dementia Friends
- Adopt-A-Vet
- Veteran of the Year
- Outcome of Milpitas Veterans Car Show 2017
- Outcome of Veterans Recognition Luncheon

XII. NEXT MEETINGS

- Special Meeting – Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Deputy City Clerk