



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 3, 2018
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: Edward Smythe, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Ed Ackerman, Denny Weisgerber, and Ricardo Martinez

Excused Absence: Liliana Ramos, John Schmidt

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Program Coordinator Josh Clevenger (acting as Interim Staff Liaison for Dale Flunoy), and Recording Secretary Pam Caronongan

Elected Officials Present: None
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ricardo Martinez
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 3, 2018**
M/S: Weisgerber / Martinez AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 1, 2018**
M/S: Weisgerber / Martinez AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
Nicole Gatlin, from Councilmember Robert Nuñez's Nuñez Community Foundation, introduced herself to the Commission as an observer and a fellow veteran who served for six years under the United States Navy.
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
The Commission, led by Commissioner Weisgerber who shared the news, congratulated Commissioner Smythe for his recent rank promotion to Major, United States Marine Corp.

Vice-Chair Ackerman shared with the Commission that he spoke in behalf of the Commission during the Public Forum portion of the September 18, 2018 City Council Meeting. During Public Forum, Vice-Chair Ackerman encouraged everyone to commemorate September 21, 2018 as “Prisoners-of-War (POW) and Missing-in-Action (MIA) Recognition Day” and September 30, 2018 as “Gold Star Mother’s Day.”

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Veterans Day 2018

Chair Ebright led the discussion by sharing with the Commission that Planning Commissioner and Milpitas Executive Lion’s Club President Ray Maglalang volunteered to give out American flags to the attendees during the event. Consensus was made that the Commission would welcome the gesture. Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger advised Chair Ebright to have Planning Commissioner Maglalang contact staff to coordinate distribution of the flags.

Discussions were made regarding the event’s speakers, with consensus being made to select Commissioner Smythe as this year’s keynote speaker, Chair Ebright as the Master of Ceremonies (MC), and Commissioner Weisgerber as the Veteran’s Poem reader.

Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger advised the Commission that Center Stage Performing Arts and the Milpitas Community Concert Band would perform the National Anthem and provide music during the event.

2. Dementia Friends

Senior Advisory Commissioner Jenny Berryhill gave the Commission a short presentation.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Veterans Recognition Lunch 2018

The Commission, after being advised by Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger, discussed the benefits of changing the event venue from the City Hall Rotunda to the Barbara Lee Senior Center – Denny Weisgerber Room.

Motion: for the Commission to move the confirmed location for the luncheon from the City Hall Rotunda to the Barbara Lee Senior Center – Denny Weisgerber Room.

M/S: Smythe / Devereux

AYES: All

Chair Ebright reported to the Commission that Marion Moses, Director of Office of Veterans Services for Santa Clara County, agreed to be the event’s keynote speaker. Chair Ebright also reported that Rosalinda Lively agreed to play the piano during the event.

The Commission moved the discussion regarding the menu.

Motion: for the Commission to adjourn its current meeting for five (5) minutes, in order to allow the Veterans Recognition Luncheon Subcommittee to meet and recommend menu and caterer for the event.

M/S: Ackerman / Devereux

AYES: All

Motion: for the Commission to use last year's caterer, menu, and cakes for the event, in accordance with the recommendation of the Veterans Recognition Luncheon Subcommittee.

M/S: Ackerman / Smythe

AYES: All

2. Veteran of the Year

Discussions were made regarding the Veterans database. Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger distributed the list to the Commissioners, with each Commissioner present being assigned to reach out to 15 people on the list.

Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger also informed the Commission that at this time, there is only one nominee for Veteran of the Year and it is uncertain as to whether that single person would receive the award. In light of this current predicament, Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger advised the Commission of entertaining different possibilities of highlighting Milpitas veterans' respective contributions to the community.

Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger also reported that the nomination form continues to be available online. A reminder was made that nomination forms due date be November 1, 2018.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

a. City Council Report

None

b. Staff Report

Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger reported that the Hot August Bites was a success, and that the mini car show received many positive feedback.

Discussion was made that the Veterans Car Show, per Interim Staff Liaison Clevenger, is currently not on the Commission Work Plan. Consensus was made for staff to revisit the Commission's meeting minutes, retrace its steps regarding the Work Plan, and if Commission wishes to do so to further discuss the Work Plan items and make modifications. It was also discussed that any changes to the Work Plan should happen before the Commission's presentation of its Work Plan before the City Council.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Adopt-A-Vet

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

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