City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
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: Ed Ackerman, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Ricardo Martinez, Liliana Ramos, and Bruce Choy

Excused Absence: Denny Weisgerber, Ed Smythe

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy and Recording Secretary Pam Caronongan

Elected Officials Present: None

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Bruce Choy

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: August 7, 2019

M/S: Ramos / Ackerman AYES: All

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 5, 2019

M/S: Ramos / Ackerman AYES: All

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Galen Boggs, Field Representative and Case Worker for United States Congressman Ro Khanna's office and Milpitas resident, shared with the Commission regarding the unveiling of a three-year study pertaining to Veterans Affairs.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Ebright and Staff Liaison Flunoy shared with the Commission regarding Commissioner Ed Smythe's resignation and relocation to Southern California.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Memorial Day 2019 Overview**
   Chair Ebright opened discussions in case other Commissioners have any additional comments or suggestion to make. Since there were no comments or suggestions offered during this time, Chair Ebright closed this item from further discussion.

2. **Veterans Annual Luncheon 2019**
   Discussions and suggestions were continued from the Commission's last regular meeting. Items discussed included but were not limited to identifying the guest speaker, confirming that the same caterer would be used, inquiring Veteran of the Year nominations, obtaining new entertainment due to the passing of Rosalinda Lively (last year's pianist for the event), securing raffle prizes as well as other logistical arrangements.

   The Luncheon is scheduled for November 16, 2019 at the Barbara Lee Senior Center.

3. **Hot August Bites / Car Show 2019**
   Discussions were made regarding this year's event. Items discussed included but were not limited to volunteer workers during the event, food trucks, tables and booths, "50 / 50" raffle, award categories, and other logistical arrangements. Vice Chair Ackerman suggested, and the Commission unanimously agreed, for set-up to begin at 1:45 P.M.

   To date, Staff Liaison Flunoy reported that there were 30 pre-registrations for the event.

4. **Honoring Veterans**
   The Subcommittee reported to the Commission regarding the commemorative memorial bricks and other possible projects that would honor veterans. The Commission, along with Staff Liaison Flunoy, then discussed the Subcommittee's findings and the feasibility of commemorative memorial bricks.

   Bruce Choy was selected to replace now-resigned Commissioner Ed Smythe as a member of the Subcommittee for this project.

   Consensus was made to continue discussions in subsequent Commission meetings.

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Commissioners Handbook**
   Staff Liaison Flunoy led the discussion and addressed Commissioners' questions and requests for clarifications regarding the Commissioners Handbook.

2. **Veterans Commission Work Plan**
   Staff Liaison Flunoy led the discussion regarding the draft Veterans Commission Work Plan. Consensus was made that the Commission would aim to present the Work Plan before the City Council during the September 17, 2019 regular City Council Meeting.

   Motion: For the Commission to approve the Veterans Commission Work Plan along with accompanying Commission By-Laws.

   M/S: Ackerman / Devereux AYES: All

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. **City Council Report**
   None

2. **Staff Report**
   None

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Adopt-A-Vet
- Veterans Commission – Informational Brochure

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary