



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

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

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

Excused Absence: Denny Weisgerber

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Alternate Commissioner William Devereux was seated.
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: AUGUST 3, 2016**
M/S: Ramos / Thomas AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JULY 13, 2016**
M/S: Ebright / Ramos AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**
Commissioner Devereux shared an article from the Associated Press regarding nursing and assisted-living benefits and assistance available for low-income veterans. Chair Arbaugh requested Commissioner Devereux to work with Staff Liaison Flunoy and staff to share this information in the City’s website.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**
1. **Milpitas Veterans Car Show (2016)**
Staff Liaison Flunoy presented last year’s work and subcommittee assignments as a guide for this year’s planning.

Chair Arbaugh reported on the status for his sponsor leads. Alternate John Schmidt shared

with the Commission regarding a sponsor list that he collated and a sample mailer that he created which could be used to generate sponsorship interest. Commissioner Ackerman reported attending car shows and handing out the upcoming car show flyers.

Chair Arbaugh expressed his concern regarding the Guide Dogs for the Blind and the currently-approved donation request application. He then presented an e-mail from Guide Dogs for the Blind which stated that as much as the organization needed any and all donations, they would not pursue any requests since the output of resources would be more than the \$1000 donation that could be potentially received from the Commission.

Discussions were made regarding amending the application form and recipients. Staff Liaison Flunoy responded to questions and clarified facts to guide the Commissioners. Consensus was not achieved as a result of the discussion.

- **Motion** was made to shorten the donation request application form to one page.

M/S: Arbaugh / Ebright

AYES: 6

ABSTAIN: 1 (Ackerman)

Discussions were made regarding the dog tags, the goody bags, and other logistics.

- **Motion** was made to use the blue and red color scheme dog tags for this year's event.

M/S: Ackerman / Ramones

AYES: All

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Veterans Lunch

Discussion and consensus was made regarding logistics and date for the event. Councilmember Giordano encouraged the Commissioners to make a \$1800 funding request that she could present before City Council.

Consensus was made that discussions would continue to the upcoming regular and special meetings.

2. Veteran of the Year

Discussion and consensus was made regarding the nomination for Veteran of the Year and the Veterans Day Ceremony.

- **Motion** was made for the Veterans Commission to have a resource table during the Veterans Day Event. Commissioner Ramos volunteered to take the lead on organizing the resource table.

M/S: Ramos / Ackerman

AYES: All

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

None

2. Staff Report

None

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Memorial Day Ceremony 2017
- Veterans Day Ceremony 2016
- Veterans Outreach
- Veterans Museum
- Land Parcel next to Library

XIII. NEXT MEETING –Special Wednesday, August 17, 2016, at 5:30 p.m.

- **Motion** was made for the Veterans Commission to start meeting every other week beginning on August 17, 2016. Bi-weekly meetings would continue until the Car Show.

M/S: Ackerman / Ebright

AYES: All

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Arbaugh adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

*Draft Minutes above respectfully submitted by
Pam Caronongan, Milpitas Deputy City Clerk*