

Veteran Commission

**Receive Presentation on the Parks and
Recreation Master Plan Updates**

Project No. 5115

February 3, 2021

City of Milpitas

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Purpose of the Project

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- A festive Halloween-themed graphic for a drive-thru event. At the top, a banner reads "Milpitas Recreation and Community Services". Below it, the text "pumpkins in the park" is written in a large, white, playful font with a black outline, arched over a central illustration. The illustration features a yellow car with a white ghost in the driver's seat, surrounded by several jack-o'-lanterns with various carved faces. The background is dark purple with silhouettes of trees and a string of triangular bunting flags with skull and jack-o'-lantern patterns. At the bottom, the text "Drive-Thru!" is written in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.



PLANNING CONTEXT

Milpitas General Plan

City of Milpitas GENERAL PLAN



Adopted: December 1994
Last Amended: April 2015

Park and Recreational Facilities Guiding Principles

4.a-G-1 Provide a park and recreation system designed to serve the **needs of all residents** and the community.

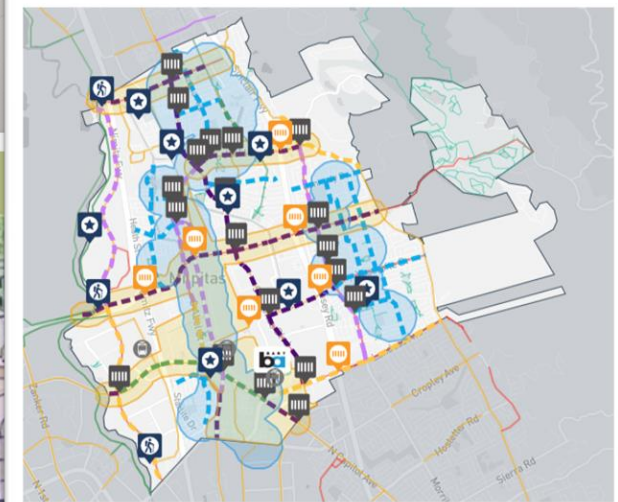
4.a-G-3 Cooperate with other agencies, such as the County and MUSD, to provide recreational opportunities to residents.

PLANNING CONTEXT

Other Plans and Studies

- Milpitas Metro Specific Plan
- Bikeway & Pedestrian Master Plan and Trails Master Plan
- 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

MILPITAS TRANSIT AREA SPECIFIC PLAN



2008 PARKS & RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Park Improvements

26 million dollars in improvements

- New synthetic fields, pool rehab, upgraded locker rooms at the Milpitas Sports Center
- New skate park, restrooms, and concession building
- Creighton Park re-design
- Sandalwood Park re-design
- Higuera Adobe Park and building re-design and retrofit
- Major improvements to Alviso Adobe, Pinewood, Cardoza, and Calle Oriente Parks.



EFFORTS TO DATE

- **Existing Conditions Assessment**
(36 parks & 6 facilities)
- **Demographics**
 - ❖ Diversity
 - ❖ Population Growth
- **Benchmarking**

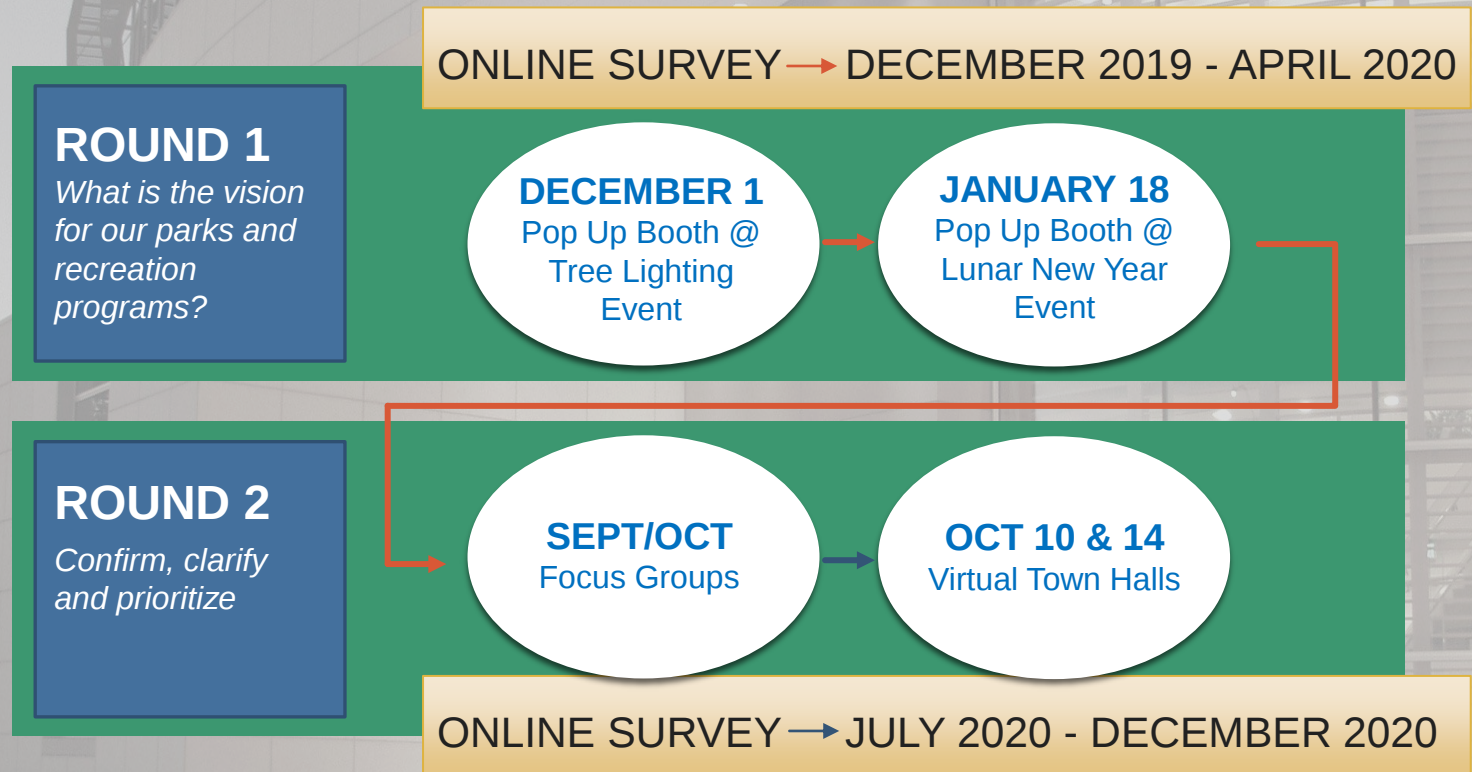
	MILPITAS	CUPERTINO	DUBLIN	MOUNTAIN VIEW	REDWOOD CITY
ACTIVE USE PARKS					
Number of Parks	36	23	27	30	38
Acres developed parkland	179	186	187	118	185
Acres per 1000 residents	2.1	3.1	2.8	1.4	2.2
Residents per park	2,339	2,577	2,400	2,758	2,261
INCLUDING SCHOOL SITES					
Acres	198	410	230.6	202.8	229.2
Acres per 1000 residents	2.4	6.9	3.6	2.5	2.7
REGIONAL PARKS/ OPEN SPACE					
Acres	1,558	5,962	780	797	467

Table X-X. Parks and Open Space



EFFORTS TO DATE

Community Input – Engagement Schedule



EFFORTS TO DATE

Round 1 Findings – What do you like? What do you want?

- 700+ Participants
- Available in English, Spanish, Chinese and Vietnamese

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

1. Playgrounds
2. Swim facility
3. Trails/pathways
4. Sports fields
5. Open space
6. Picnic areas
7. BBQ areas

WHAT SHOULD WE ADD?

1. More/updated playgrounds
2. More community events
3. More indoor sports
4. Exercise stations
5. Better park lighting
6. Community gardens
7. Dedicated teen space



Round 2 – Confirm, Clarify & Prioritize

- # Current Park System
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- Parks** Parques | 公園 | 公園
- 1 Albert Aguirre Memorial Park
 - 2 Arroyo Arriba Park
 - 3 Arguello Ballfields Park
 - 4 Ben Hayes Park
 - 5 Ben Hayes East
 - 6 Ben Hayes Middle
 - 7 Calaveras Ridge Open Space
 - 8 Cedar Shingle Mini Park
 - 9 Caribou Park
 - 10 Canino Park
 - 11 Campbell Park
 - 12 Dean Landing Park
 - 13 Fairhill Park
 - 14 Hill Memorial Park
 - 15 Hidden Lake Park
 - 16 Hillcrest Park
 - 17 John McDaniel Park
 - 18 Jose Higuera Adobe Park
 - 19 Mariposa Dog Park
 - 20 Mariposa Sports Center
 - 21 Murphy Park
 - 22 Oliver Jones Memorial Park
 - 23 San Tomas Elmer Park
 - 24 Park Meadows East
 - 25 Park Meadows Middle
 - 26 Park Meadows West
 - 27 Peace Park
 - 28 Peter Gil Memorial Park
 - 29 Pinedale Park
 - 30 Robert E. Browne
 - 31 Sandhillside Park
 - 32 Salsbery Park
 - 33 Shady Park
 - 34 Shinnott Park
 - 35 Starline Park
 - 36 Stillpoint Park
 - 37 Sun East Park
- Future Parks**
- 38 Arroyo Arriba
 - 39 Higuera Adobe
 - 40 Milpitas Community Center
 - 41 Milpitas Senior Center
 - 42 Milpitas Sports Center
 - 43 San Carlos
- Facilities** Instalaciones | 施設 | 施設
- 44 Tennis Courts
 - 45 Milpitas Senior Center
 - 46 Milpitas Sports Center
 - 47 San Carlos
- Trails** Senderos | 遊歩道 | 遊歩道
- 48 Coyote Creek
 - 49 Performance Creek
- Play Milpitas**
- MILPITAS RECREATION**
- GATES ASSOCIATES**
- Play Milpitas**
- MILPITAS PARKS & RECREATION**

EFFORTS TO DATE

Focus Group Trends

Organized Sports

- **Amenities access** (*parking, storage, restrooms*)
- **Expand usability** (*lighting, synthetic turf*)
- **Explore further joint-use opportunities with school sites**
- **Collaboration** (*share fields, concessions, batting cages*)

New Residents

- **Opportunities for neighbor interaction** (*grouped exercise stations, planned activities*)
- **Reduce competition for facilities** (*scheduling options, add amenities*)
- **Convenience**
- **Rental space** (*permit parking, building access, group picnic shelters*)

Teens

- **Informal uses geared towards teens**
- **Improve aging, unattractive parks** (*wi-fi, site furniture*)
- **Sustainability & a more natural feel**
- **Use conflicts**
- **Social activities** (*food trucks, astronomy nights*)
- **Safety concerns**
- **Summer usage**

Social Services/Inclusion

- **Intergenerational events/programs**
- **Inclusive playgrounds & parks**
- **Staff training for special needs participants**
- **Community/City liaisons for under reached groups**
- **Separate teen & senior centers**
- **Partner with local inclusion groups** (*Pragnya*)



EFFORTS TO DATE

Town Hall Trends

- Growth in interest in **Cricket**
- **Inclusive** playgrounds/amenities in parks
- **Classes on weekends and weeknights**
- **New programs:** *teens, individuals with developmental delays, dog training, cycling, cooking, equine therapy, outdoor movies in the parks*
- **Connectivity** to other parks and trails



NEXT STEPS

- Identify joint-use opportunities & public/private partnership opportunities
- Finalize prioritization criteria
- Draft recommendations
- Administrative Draft of Master Plan with short, medium and long term project recommendations
- Community Outreach Round 3 – *What are our priorities?*
- Cost analysis and recommendations review



PROJECT WEBSITE

Follow along as we progress through the process!

- **Project Website:**

WWW.MILPITASPARKSRECREATIONMASTERPLAN.ORG

- **Project updates and documents added regularly!**

WHAT IS A PARK AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN?

GLAD YOU ASKED!

A Park and Recreation Master Plan is a strategic document. It studies the existing park system, facilities and recreation programming, and identifies a planning blueprint to improve, protect and expand the City's network of parks, facilities and recreational services for the future.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will provide both a long-term vision for the City's park system, and specific policies and standards to direct day-to-day decisions. It will set forth a framework that will allow the City to respond to new opportunities as they arise, and to ensure that adequate parks, facilities and recreation programs meet the needs of the City's future residents, employees and visitors.

HERE IS WHERE YOU COME IN...

OUR PLAN IS ONLY AS GOOD AS THE COMMUNITY BEHIND THE IDEAS.

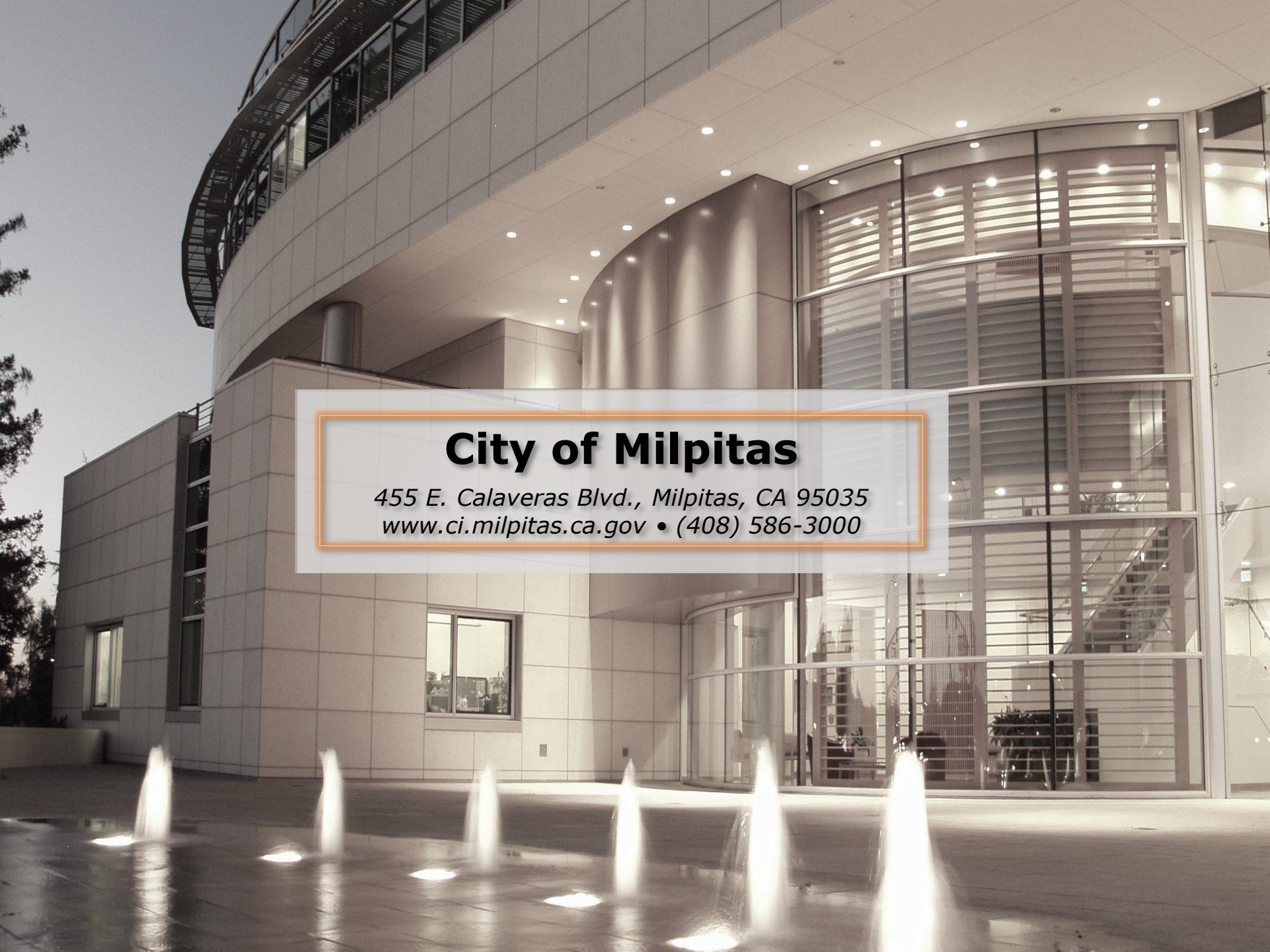
Throughout 2020 we will be hosting an online survey, pop-up community events, workshops, focus groups, interviews and are always accepting emails with comments about the parks. Please always check our "Events Page" to find out where you can meet us next - and please share with your neighbors. We will also post summaries and updates here for those that want to follow along in the process.



INVITATION FOR FEEDBACK

Comments / questions?



A photograph of the City of Milpitas building at dusk. The building is a modern, curved structure with a light-colored, paneled facade and large glass windows. The interior lights are on, and the building is reflected in the water of a fountain in the foreground. The fountain has several jets of water spraying upwards. The sky is dark, and some trees are visible on the left side of the frame.

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2021 Milpitas Veteran of the Year

The Milpitas Veteran of the Year Veterans Commission is accepting nominations for this year's Milpitas Veteran of the Year!

The Milpitas Veterans Commission will each year acknowledge a veteran who has given unselfishly to the Milpitas community other than their job-related occupation. The 2021 Veteran of the Year will be recognized at the Veterans' Day Virtual Ceremony due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Nominees will be judged on current, as well as past evidence of leadership and achievements. **All nominees must reside in Milpitas.**

Nominee's Name: _____

Nominee's Address: _____

Nominee's Occupation: _____ Years involved in Milpitas: _____

Branch of Service (dates): _____

Highest Rank Achieved: _____ DD-214 (or equivalent) Submit photocopy: _____

Medals and Decorations: _____

This person has benefited the Milpitas community with the following accomplishments in the fields indicated: (Nominee's qualifications may be in all four categories. You may use additional sheets of paper if necessary.)

Civic and Community Service:

Business or Professional Service/Accomplishments:

Charitable or Religious Service:

Educational/School Contribution/Service:

Submitted by: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Application Deadline: Must be postmarked or emailed by midnight of Friday, October 30, 2021. Mail to: Milpitas Veteran of the Year, c/o Dale Flunoy, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA 95035 or email to: dflunoy@ci.milpitas.ca.gov. Fillable nomination forms are available at <http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/our-government/commission/veterans/>



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 4, 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: Denny Weisgerber, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Ed Ackerman, Liliana Ramos, John Schmidt, and Ricardo Martinez

Excused Absence: Andre Ramones

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

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

Elected Officials Present: Council Liaison Mayor Tran and Councilmember Nuñez (as a member of the public and an observer)
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ricardo Martinez was seated as a voting member.
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: April 4, 2018**
M/S: Ramos / Ackerman AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2018**
M/S: Weisgerber / Ramos AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
- Councilmember Nuñez reported back to the Commission regarding the City Council Subcommittee on Commission's recommendations to not make any changes to the Veteran's Commission. Councilmember Nuñez asked the Commission as to whether the Commissioners have any recommendations to share, as well as commended all the Commissions for the hard work that they do for the city.
 - Esenia Illescas, resident of 1549 Adams Avenue, inquired regarding military training or enlistment opportunities for graduate and alumni students – especially those who are considered as “delayed” entries. Mayor Tran and Chair Ebright offered provide more information after the meeting.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Staff Liaison Flunoy shared with the Commission regarding the MLK Candlelight Vigil and March being held immediately after the Commission meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Veterans Commission Fundraising

Chair Ebright led the discussion, with consensus being reached that important details regarding the proposed Scholarship Fund must be solidified soon – such details include but would not be limited to criteria required to qualify for the scholarship, who could apply for the scholarship and be successfully considered as a scholar/recipient, and for what type of education can the scholarship be used for, the number of times can a recipient be awarded, and how much per occurrence can a recipient be awarded for.

In addition to the scholarship details, consensus has also been made to solidify details on advertising the availability of scholarship funds, how will the scholarships be funded and/or replenished, and how to reach out to the sponsors and solicit their respective buy-in for successful donation and support efforts.

Also discussed in addition to the Scholarship Fund is supporting non-profit organizations that directly support the City of Milpitas and resident veterans. The Commission acknowledged that there has been a lack of “direct presence” of a non-profit organization that help resident veterans.

Motion: for the Commission to establish Scholarship Fund.

M/S: Ackerman / Ramos

AYES: All

Motion: for the Commission to direct Subcommittee to draft Sponsor letter, and for the Commission to call a Special Meeting to approve the draft Sponsor letter.

M/S: Ackerman / Devereux

AYES: All

2. Memorial Day Ceremony 2018

Vice Chair Ackerman, as a member of the Subcommittee for the Memorial Day Ceremony 2018, reported to the Commission that he, Commissioner Devereux, and Josh Clevenger from the City’s Recreation Services met on March 28, 2018 and shared with the Commission what the three had discussed regarding the ceremony.

Staff Liaison Flunoy stated that staff, as always, would do the best to accommodate as much as possibly could to appease the veterans but asked for the Commission’s understanding that not all requests would be accommodated.

The Commission discussed matters such as the keynote speaker, the possibility of a Commissioner – such as Commissioner Weisgerber – fulfilling the role as keynote speaker, songs played during the ceremony, Memorial wreath, dignitaries who would be attending the ceremony, Military Taps, 21-gun salute, the need for a Veterans table and materials for distribution, and other logistical details.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

a. City Council Report

None

b. Staff Report

None

Commissioner Ramos shared with the Commission that Tri-Care Dental for retirees is ending on December 31, 2018, and that retiree participants should ensure that Tri-Care West is properly taking out deductions to ensure that coverage is not interrupted.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Veteran of the Year
- Adopt-A-Vet

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.
- Special meeting might be scheduled before Memorial Day Ceremony 2018

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

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



**City of Milpitas
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Meeting Minutes – Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

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Late Attendance: None
Unexcused Absence: None
City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy
Elected Officials Present: None
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** John Schmidt was seated as a voting member.
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: May 23, 2018**
M/S: Weisgerber/Ackerman AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
None
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
None
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**
1. **Veterans Fundraising and Gala**
Commissioner Schmidt handed out drafts of a Cover Letter, Sponsor Letter and Donation Form. After some discussion, the Commission voted to postpone the Gala Event until the early part of 2019.
M/S: Weisgerber/Ackerman AYES: All
- X. **NEW BUSINESS**
None

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