



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 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, Bruce Choy, and Denny Weisgerber

Excused Absence: Edward 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: June 5, 2019**
M/S: Weisgerber / Ramos AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 3, 2019**
M/S: Weisgerber / Ramos AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Commissioners and City Staff welcomed Alternate Member Bruce Choy in joining the Commission.
- IX. **OLD BUSINESS**
 1. **Memorial Day 2019 Overview**
Discussion was made regarding the event, acknowledging that the event was successful as well as noting feedback or suggestions that could be applied for next year's event.
 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, verifying from Staff Liaison Flunoy that the Commission has enough money to cover for the luncheon as well as other logistical arrangements.

3. Hot August Bites / Car Show 2019

Discussions were made regarding this year's event. Items discussed included but were not limited to registration, trophies, car show entries, live band, "50 / 50" raffle, the public ballot, and award categories. Consensus was made that the Commission would hold the event as an opportunity to honor recently-deceased Milpitas veteran and car aficionado Lou Horyza.

Motion: For the Commission to carry out the "50 / 50" raffle during the event.

M/S: Devereux / Weisgerber

AYES: All

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Honoring Veterans

Vice Chair Ackerman led the discussion by sharing his research and proposal before the Commission regarding establishing a dedicated area at City Hall which would be composed of commemorative memorial bricks as a way to honor veterans.

Consensus was made to continue discussions on ways to honor veterans, as well as establishing guidelines which would include a clear definition for the word "veteran" as the Commission engages in projects to honor and represent veterans.

Motion: For the Commission to form a Subcommittee that would explore avenues on how to honor Milpitas veterans. The Subcommittee members would be Commissioner Smythe, Commissioner Weisgerber, and Commission Chair Ebright – with Commissioner Smythe delegated to be the Subcommittee Chair. The Commission directed the Subcommittee members to research, propose options, and report back to the Commission at the next regular meeting.

M/S: Ramos / Choy

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, August 7, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

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

*Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary*