



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

5:30 PM

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting)

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When: Jun 2, 2021 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: 06/02 Milpitas Veterans Commission Meeting

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Seating of Alternates**
- 5. Approval of Agenda: June 2, 2021**
- 6. Approval of Minutes: April 7, 2021**
- 7. Public Forum**

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comments may be limited to three minutes, or less. As an item not listed on the agenda, no response is required of the Commission or staff. However, Commission members may request staff to add the item to a future meeting agenda. This public meeting will be led with professionalism, respect and civility, so profanity and/or vulgar language will not be allowed.

8. Announcements/Correspondence

9. Business Items

a. Virtual Memorial Day Ceremony 2021 / Virtual Veterans Day Ceremony 2021

Background: In the Veterans Commission work plan, it is assigned to the Veterans Commission to work with City staff and supply input regarding the Memorial Day Ceremony. This year, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, staff held this year's event virtually as was last year's Memorial Day Ceremony. Staff would like to get feedback on this year's event, noting details and highlights to the ceremony that worked well and areas that could use improvement.

Recommendation: Provide feedback for this year's Memorial Day Ceremony and see if the Commission has any further recommendations or suggestions for the upcoming Virtual Veterans Day Ceremony 2021 as well Memorial Day Ceremony 2022.

b. Veteran of the Year 2021

Background: Each year, the Veterans Commission accepts nomination forms for the Veteran of the Year. At the Commission's last meeting on April 7, 2021, the Commission approved staff modification made to the Veteran of the Year 2021 nomination form as well as staff-recommended next steps regarding outreach and social media advertising.

Recommendation: Receive staff update regarding progress made thus far regarding the Veteran of the Year 2021 nomination form and implementation of staff-recommended next steps.

c. Addition of Veterans-related Resources on the City's Commission Webpage

Background: During the last Commission meeting on April 7, 2021, Commissioner Ebright briefly shared regarding American Legion 858. Upon suggestion from Recreation and Community Services Directory Lorentzen, the Commission agreed to agendaize the addition of American Legion 858 as well as other non-profit organizations that offer veterans services to the City's Commission webpage.

Recommendation: Discuss and determine which organizations will be added as a resource to the City's Commission webpage.

d. Veterans Commission Work Plan 2021

Background: On December 2, 2009, the Veterans Commission was established as an Advisory Capacity for City Council on matters pertaining to veterans in Milpitas. The Commission on a yearly basis makes updates to its Work Plan in order to better serve the Veterans in the City of Milpitas. The Work Plan should consist of goals and tasks that the Commission would like to work on for the year. Attached are the Veterans Commission by Laws, past work plan and proposed work plan.

Recommendation: Review the information staff has supplied and make updates to the draft Commission Work Plan 2021-22 to send to City Council for approval.

e. Milpitas HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force

Background: On October 7, 2020, Assistant Director McLane provided a brief update on the Milpitas HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force and requested the Commission's assistance recruiting a Task Force member who is well connected in the Veteran's Community. Chair Ramos volunteered to join the Task Force.

During the last Commission meeting on April 7, 2021, Chair Ramos proposed to agendize the HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force and discuss as to how the Task Force can assist veterans. Chair Ramos has connected with the Veterans Chamber of Commerce. The Veterans Chamber of Commerce has resources available that can help the local bases and the military members and veterans in Milpitas.

Recommendation: Receive report from Assistant Director McLane regarding HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force. Receive report from Chair Ramos regarding the Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

f. Adopt A Vet Program

Background: As per the Veterans Commission workplan, Adopt-A-Vet is a standing item. The concept of the Adopt-A-Vet Program was brought up by past Commissioner Denny Weisgerber and voted on by the Veterans Commission to move forward. The concept of the program was for Veterans to make contact with Milpitas elementary schools and the Veterans would visit classrooms through out the school year to share stories, read to the classes and bring opportunities for the younger generation to understand what being a veteran is.

During the Commission's February 3, 2021 meeting, consensus was made to continue the program, starting with the Commission making contact with the Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) to explore ways in re-introducing the program in a remote-learning environment.

Recommendation: Discuss this item along with progress / communications with MUSD, and propose adding this item to the FY21-22 Work Plan for implementation during the corresponding school year.

10. Liaison Reports

- City Council
- Staff Report

11. Any Future Agenda Items?

12. Adjournment

13. Next Meeting: August 4, 2021 5:30 PM

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