



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting)

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

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8. Announcements/Correspondence

9. Business Items

a. Veteran of the Year 2021

Background: Each year the Veterans Commission accepts nomination forms for the Veteran of the Year. At past meetings the Veteran's Commission has discussed updating the application, making sure that the SF 180 information has been submitted. Staff received Commission direction to apply the approved changes, move forward with the revised nomination form, and report back on how information along with the revised form has been shared with the general public.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Veterans Commission receive report from Staff Liaison Ciardella on the progress made regarding the Veteran of the Year 2021 nomination process and for Commission to discuss next steps.

b. 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.

c. Virtual Memorial Day and Veterans Day 2021 Overview

Background: In the Veterans Commission workplan, the Veterans Commission is assigned to supply input to City staff on the Annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies. This year due to the Covid-19, staff is preparing this years' events virtually, similar to Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies 2020.

Recommendation: Get feedback from the Commission to finalize the Memorial Day program, generate themes and ideas for the Veterans Ceremony Program, and communicate any requests for Commissioner outreach for guest speakers.

10. Liaison Reports

- City Council Report
- Staff Report

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Adjournment

13. Next Meeting: June 2, 2021 5:30 PM

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