

**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission Meeting
Agenda**

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

**Barbara Lee Senior Center, 40 N Milpitas Blvd Milpitas
Room 140/141**



I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Seating of Alternates

V. Approval of Agenda: April 6, 2022

VI. Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2022

VII. Public Forum

Those interested are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on the agenda. Speakers may provide their name and city of residence for the record, and comments may be limited to one minute, 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.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

IX. Business Items

a. Memorial Day Ceremony 2022

Background: The Veterans Commission's work plan includes contributing to the planning of the annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Staff is asking the Commission to discuss and come to consensus on what they would like to see at this year's event.

Recommendation: Discuss what the commissioners would like to see at this year's ceremony and make recommendations, so staff can work to add them to this year's ceremony.

b. Veterans Annual Luncheon 2022

Background: The Commission is planning to host the Annual Veterans Luncheon on Saturday May 21, 2022 to honor Milpitas Veterans. The luncheon will be held at Jose Higuera Adobe Park. In the past, the luncheon was held in November to coincide with Veterans Day. Discuss if the Commission would like to hold the luncheon in May 2022 or November 2022.

Recommendation: Recommend moving the event to November 12, 2022 to coincide with Veterans Day.

c. Veterans Commission Work Plan 2022

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 is the Veterans Commission 2021/2022 work plan.

Recommendation: Review the information staff has supplied and make updates to the draft Commission Work Plan 2022-2023 to send to City Council for approval.

d. Fundraising

Background: The Veterans Commission holds the Annual Veterans Luncheon budgeted with funds for the event that have been raised by the commission. At this time, the Commission has money for the Veterans Luncheon to be held in 2022 and 2023.

Recommendation: Discuss fundraising ideas for future events to be held.

e. Veterans Outreach

Background: Staff maintains a list of Veterans in Milpitas. Staff would like input and ways of grow the list to reach out to the Veterans in Milpitas to invite them to events and provide information to them.

Recommendation: Discuss ways to grow the list of Veterans in Milpitas.

f. Veterans Issues: Homelessness and Suicide Prevention

Background: The Veterans Commission has previously discussed the topics of homelessness and suicide prevention. In regard to homelessness, a guest speaker had presented at one of the Veterans Commission meetings. That year the Commission donated money to help an organization that helped Milpitas veterans. Suicide is a big issue for veterans and military members. The Commission has also had speakers in this area. These past two years, COVID has prevented the Commission from raising money and contributing to help veterans in these two issues and other challenges. The City of Milpitas has a Homelessness Task Force that has addressed veterans' homelessness and the HOPE Task Force that addresses suicide prevention in general. The VA has departments that work with homeless veterans and suicide prevention. There are also other organizations that can address these challenges. Perhaps the Commission can revisit these topics and find a way to get involved in helping Milpitas veterans.

Recommendation: Receive update from Vice Chair Ramos

Liaison Reports

- City Council
- Staff Report

Future Agenda Items

Honoring Milpitas Veterans Project

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

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