



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
5:30 p.m.**

**Via Teleconference
Milpitas, CA 95035**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ebright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Ebright led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Arthur Ebright, Lilliana Ramos, Darl Travis, William (Bill) Devereux.

Excused Absence: Bruce Choy

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: Rocky Lallana and Victorino Monzon

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

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 3, 2021**
M/S: Ramos / Devereux AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 2, 2020**
M/S: Ramos / Travis AYES: All
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
Urvishkumar Mehta
Kevin Lee
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Chair Ebright announced that Commissioner Ramos volunteered to become a representative for the HOPE Task Force. Chair Ebright also announced his planned retirement from the Veterans Commission in July 2021.
9. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. Election of Officers 2021

Commissioner Lilliana Ramos was elected as Commission Chair. Commissioner William “Bill” Devereux was elected as Commission Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate and elect Commissioner Ramos as Commission Chair.

M/S: Ebright / Devereux

AYES: All

Motion to nominate and elect Commissioner Devereux as Commission Vice Chair.

M/S: Ebright / Ramos

AYES: All

b. Receive Presentation on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

The Commission received an update regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan from Associate Engineer Lyhak Eam from the City’s Engineering Department and Principal Consultant Linda Gates from Gates & Associates.

c. Veteran of the Year 2021

The Commission discussed modifications to the Veteran of the Year nomination forms. Consensus have been made to accept the modifications, direct staff to make the modifications, and post the form on the webpage.

Motion to accept the modifications to the Veteran of the Year nomination form and direct staff to apply the approved changes and move forward with the revised nomination form.

M/S: Ebright / Devereux

AYES: All

d. Receive Presentation on the draft City of Milpitas Trails, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan, Project No. 3448

The Commission received a presentation regarding the draft City of Milpitas Trails, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan from Fenny Yu, Associate Civil Engineer from the City’s Engineering Department.

The Commission received public comment from Urvishkumar Mehta.

e. Adopt-A-Vet Program

The Commission discussed moving forward with the Adopt-A-Vet Program. The Commission expressed interest in continuing the program. Staff Liaison Flunoy stated that there would be other ways to hold the program even during the pandemic.

Chair Ramos stated that she would speak with Superintendent Cheryl Jordan from Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) regarding the program.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

Mayor Tran reported that the Commission By-Laws have been amended to revert to the original By-Laws regarding term limits.

2. Staff Report

None

11. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

None

13. NEXT MEETING

- Regular (Virtual) Meeting – Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary