



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 2, 2022
Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting)

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When: February 2, 2022 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: 08/04 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: February 2, 2022**
- 6. Approval of Minutes: December 1, 2022**
- 7. Public Forum**

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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.

8. Announcements/Correspondence

9. Business Items

a. Election of Officers 2022

Background: As per the Veterans Commission By-Laws nominations for a Chair and Vice-Chair will be annually selected at the first meeting of the calendar year.

Recommendation: Receive nominations and vote for a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for a term determined by the Veterans Commission By-Laws.

b. Veterans Annual Luncheon 2022

Background: The Commission will be hosting the Annual Veterans Luncheon on Saturday May 21, 2022 to honor Milpitas Veterans. The luncheon will be held at Jose Higuera Adobe Park.

Recommendation: Be sure all Commissioners are available to work, help with set-up, clean-up, presentations and speeches. Form an ad hoc committee to assist staff in planning of the event.

c. 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: Discussion on how to proceed and possibly propose speakers that can be invited to speak to the Veterans Commission. Speakers can be voted on at the next meeting.

d. Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Involvement

Background: The NJROTC program at Milpitas High School has expressed an interest in becoming involved with the Veterans Commission and assisted at the Veterans Day Ceremony. The program has also expressed an interest in receiving support from the Commission. Members of the Commission may also show their support as individuals to the NJROTC program.

Recommendation: Chair Ramos and Commissioner Monzon will give an update on this item. Discuss ways and events that NJROTC may be involved.

e. 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 throughout the school year to share stories, read to the classes and bring opportunities for the younger generation to understand what being a veteran is.

Recommendation: Chair Ramos will give an update on this item.

10. Liaison Reports

- City Council
- Staff Report

11. Future Agenda Items

- Veterans' Luncheon
- Veteran homelessness and suicide prevention
- Honoring Milpitas Veterans Project

12. Adjournment

13. Next Meeting: April 6, 2022 5:30 PM

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