



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

MILPITAS SENIOR CENTER 40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.
ROOM 140/141
MILPITAS, CA 95035

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Seating of Alternates
5. Approval of Agenda: February 7, 2024
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: December 6, 2023

7. Public Forum

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on the agenda. Speakers must state their name (address is optional) for the record, and limit their remarks to three minutes or less. For items not listed on the agenda, no response is required of City staff or Commissioners. However, Commissioners may ask staff to place the item on a future meeting agenda.

8. Announcements

9. Business Items

a. Chair and Vice Chair Election – Commission Chair

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 Affairs and Suicide Prevention – Suicide Prevention Community Engagement and Partnership Coordinator LaShelle Burch of the Palo Alto VA

Background: LaShelle Burch will discuss suicide prevention and how the VA is a protective factor for veterans.

Recommendation: Receive presentation.

c. Memorial Day Ceremony 2024 – Recreation & Community Services Staff

Background: Part of the Veterans Commission Workplan is to assist with the Veterans and Memorial Day Ceremonies. Every year the commission reviews and discusses each event and makes recommendations for their continued success, including Commission member participation.

Recommendation: Start preparations for the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony with a focus on securing a guest speaker and elements of the program that the Commission can contribute.

d. Veterans Commission Holding Account and Future Work Plan Discussion – Director of Recreation and Community Services, Renee Lorentzen

Background: The Veterans Commission, as part of their approved annual work plan, hosts a Veterans Recognition lunch. The budget for the lunch is funded through monies from previous Veterans Commission fundraising efforts. At the December 6, 2023, Veterans Commission meeting, the Commission requested information on the balance of those available funds, the procedure to request to use those funds, and options to continue the lunch when all available funds have been expended.

Recommendation: Receive staff informational presentation and have a discussion.

e. Veterans Recognition Luncheon - Recreation and Community Services Staff

Background: Part of the Veterans Commission Workplan is to host the Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon. In the past, the luncheon was held the Saturday after Veterans Day. At the December 6, 2023, meeting, the Commission recommended moving the date and location of the Veterans Recognition Luncheon to June in the hopes of having better attendance and weather. This would allow for a more outdoor-oriented event.

Recommendation: Select the date, time, and location for the 2024 Veterans Luncheon, and take up to three volunteers from the Commission to work with staff on initial luncheon preparations.

10. City Liaison Reports

- Report from Staff
- Report from Councilmember

11. Adjournment

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