



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

**Barbara Lee Senior Center
Milpitas, CA 95035**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Liliana Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Liliana Ramos led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Liliana Ramos, Reynaldo Lingad, Victorino Monzon, Leo Garcia, Richard Tran, Connor Long (student)

Absence: Puneet Sandhu (excused), William Devereux (excused), Bruce Choy, (excused)

Late Attendance: Diego Hammet

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Lisa Mendes, Recording Secretary Ruby General

Elected Officials Present:
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:**
Richard Tran, Leo Garcia
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 4, 2023**
M/S: Tran/Garcia AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 2, 2023**
M/S: Tran/Monzon AYES: All
Abstain: Garcia
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
 1. Introduction of Student Commissioner, Connor Long
 2. HOPE meetings – Veterans Support group – share communications from meetings
 3. Veterans Helping Veterans – share communication from meetings

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Veterans Day Ceremony – City Staff

November 11, 2023

- Commissioner Tran reaching out for possible speakers. Possibly Planning Commissioner Bill Chuan
- Refreshments muffins and coffee
- National Anthem singer – waiting for final
- Discuss event run through – Tran recommends not having a run through
- Review of program order – Lisa Mendes
- Reach out to recruiting stations to come to event – Garcia
- Order small American flags to hand out to everyone in attendance – Garcia
- Fire Tiller truck for flag

b. Veterans Luncheon – City Staff

Luncheon and Resource Fair – Milpitas Community Center

November 18, 2023

- Food ordered from Party Helpers– lasagna, salad, garlic bread
- Sheet cake from Costco
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Resource Fair
- 12 p.m. serve lunch.
- Tables of 8
- Resource tables in the auditorium
- Light music
- Reach out to vendors
- Speaker – Albert Carillo, Santa Clara County Veterans Commission – Confirmed.
- Flowers ordered
- Reach out for chance drawing prize – Garcia
- Sponsorship letter

c. Say Hi to a Hero – City Staff

Monzon is part of the NJROTC. Master Sargent Lam at Sinnott Elementary School for the helicopter. Long will reach out to Sgt. Lam at Sinnott Elementary School.

d. Fundraising Ideas – City Staff

- Brainstorming stage.
- Garcia ideas: BINGO hall, Panda Express, Round Table, Wing Stop, Fosters Freeze for dinner nights, reach out to restaurants
- Tran ideas: BINGO Veterans Night
- Car Show: end of Spring – May. Garcia and Tran reach out to car people
- Golf Tournament
- Ad Hoc Sub Committee for Car Show – Garcia and Tran
- Wait for staff to report back on approval for fundraisers

10. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

- i. N/A

2. Staff Report

- i. Special Event report
 - Art Walk, October 7, 2023
 - Delano Manong Park, October 14, 2023
 - Pumpkins in the Park, October 28, 2023
 - Dia De Los Muertos, November 4, 2023
- ii. Lisa Mendes shares that she will be leaving the Veterans Commission in February 2024

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Honoring Milpitas Veterans Project

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ruby General, Recording Secretary