



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER

40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.

ROOM 140/141

MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Sandhu called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners, Choy, Devereux, Hammett, Lingad, Long, Monzon, Ramos, Sandhu, Tran
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Garcia
Councilmember Mayor Carmen Montano
- City Staff:** John Macon – Supervisor of Recreation and Community Services
Daniel Clark – Recreation Program Coordinator
Ruby General – Recreation Program Coordinator
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Sandhu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** None
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for April 3, 2024.
- Motion/Second: Ramos/Hammett
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for February 7, 2024
- Motion/Second: Ramos/Devereux
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- PUBLIC FORUM**
- The following people spoke under Public Forum:
1. Karla Dajano, City of Milpitas Recreation and Community Services Social Services Coordinator
 - a. Introduced her role and all the resources she can provide to Veterans.
 - b. Veteran Support Group, Milpitas HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force, older adults and teen workgroups, resources, referrals, case management, emergency hotel stays, and juvenile placements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps – John Macon, Recreation Supervisor

- a. John Macon representing Recreation and Community Services.
- b. Commission received a presentation from NJROTC students.
 - i. Master Chief Foronda – shared Milpitas High NJROTC flyer and shared her experiences and benefits of being in NJROTC.
 - ii. Cadet Nguyen, HL - shared experience and opportunities provided by Milpitas High NJROTC
 - iii. Cadet Isaac Garcia - shared leadership skills and life skills developed through NJROTC program. Provides mentorship for middle school students.
 - iv. Cadet Petty Officer 3rd class Gio Domingo - shared how he learned how to de-escalate situations and become more social. Discipline and hard work. Varsity football player as a sophomore.
 - v. Cadet Chief Petty Officer Tran - Shared his experiences being in the NJROTC for 2.5 years. Credits program for the person he is today.
 - vi. Chair Sandhu asks if students from other schools are allowed to join NJROTC.
 - vii. John Macon shared the Youth Scholarship Program for NJROTC. Could be used for transportation. The commission can provide a letter of support.
 - viii. Lt. Margie Jackson shared more details about the program.
 - ix. NJROTC presented their Recruitment video.
 - x. Lt. Jackson asked to be more involved in Milpitas Community by volunteering.
 - xi. Mr. Wohlman, MHS Principal – asked for ideas to help support the program including transportation.
 - xii. Commissioner Tran recommends adding NJROTC discussion to the next agenda.
 - xiii. Chris Norwood – Milpitas Fire Department donated \$1,000 to NJROTC. Money could be used for SMART transportation.

Motion for the Veterans Commission to draft a letter of support for the Milpitas High NJROTC.

Motion/Second: Sandhu/Choy

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0

b. Veterans Recognition Luncheon – Recreation and Community Services Staff

Danny Clark – Program Coordinator provided a report from the ad hoc subcommittee.

- i. Date: Saturday, July 27, 2024, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Higuera Adobe Park
- ii. BBQ truck for food

- iii. Check-in station and wristband for food truck
- iv. Veteran and 1 guest
- v. Raffle
- vi. Looking for a keynote speaker
- vii. No Veteran of the Year at the event.

Motion for the Veterans Commission to set the date, time, and location for the Veterans Luncheon to Saturday, July 27, 2024, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Higuera Adobe Park

Motion/Second: Ramos/Devereux

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0

STAFF LIAISON REPORT Danny Clark – Program Coordinator provided updates about upcoming special events including Memorial Day and the Commissioners’ Recognition Celebration.

LIAISON REPORT None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Commission marketing and outreach discussion
Veterans Wall (bricks)
Brainstorm ways to support NJROTC

ADJOURNMENT With there being no further business, Chair Sandhu adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM to the next scheduled meeting held on June 5, 2024.