



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Devereux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Devereux led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Liliana Ramos, William (Bill) Devereux, Bruce Choy, Reynaldo Lingad, Victorino Monzon, Puneet Sandhu

Excused Absence:

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary Ruby General, Recreation Program Coordinator Daniel Clark

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **October 5, 2022**
M/S: Ramos/Devereux AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **August 3, 2022**
M/S: Devereux/ Ramos AYES: All
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Chair Devereux review Veterans Day Ceremony. Staff Liaison Lisa Ciardella and Program Coordinator Daniel Clark go over event publications. Community Band, Knights of Columbus, National Anthem, NJROTC.

9. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. **Veterans Day Ceremony**

Chair Devereux review Veterans Day Ceremony. Staff Liaison Lisa Ciardella and Program Coordinator Daniel Clark go over event publications. Community Band, Knights of Columbus, National Anthem, NJROTC. Review refreshments coffee, orange juice, cookies.

Vice Chair Liliana Ramos recommends speaker – Steve Fondacaro

Milpitas HOPE table at event approved.

Motion to approve all Veterans Day Ceremony event details that were reviewed.

M/S: Devereux/Ramos

AYES: ALL

b. **Veteran of the Year**

Staff Liaison reviews the Milpitas Veteran of the Year form. Recommends removing the “Civic and Community Service” or “charitable and religious” section. Change to “Public Service”.

Constant contact list to have veterans sign-up and build a database. Have ipads available at Veterans Day Ceremony for veterans to sign-up. Devereux suggests insert for utility bill or add a QR code to utility bill. Devereux suggest adding “United States Military” to form. Choy suggests removing date on form to allow longer nomination period.

Motion to make the following changes to the Milpitas Veteran of the Year form: USA branch of services be included, “Civic and community service” and “charitable and religious” change to “Public Service”, remove date and replace with ongoing/open date.

M/S: Devereux/Ramos

AYES: ALL

c. **Veterans Annual Luncheon 2022**

Monzon not available on November 19, 2022.

Findings from ad hoc committee:

Resource Fair vendors: Commissioner Sandhu confirms Dental lab attendance: 10am-12pm will attend the resource fair. Vice Chair Ramos: VA blood pressure checks, suicide awareness, Milpitas HOPE is interested in attendance, VSO. Music/DJ during resource fair. Invite Robert Jung, Hope for the Unhoused to resource fair.

Resource Fair: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Lunch: 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Luncheon

Speaker: VA finding speaker

Food: Lasagna, salad, bread, vegetarian option

Recognize Veteran of the Year

Recognize Mr. Dyson 2020 Veteran of the Year

Send invite to veterans list

Entertainment:

Piano player or same DJ from resource fair

Goodie Bags:

Reading materials, coupons, chamber of commerce items, dental hygiene giveaways, coupons from businesses.

Raffle items –

Motion to implement all items discussed.

M/S: Devereux/Ramos

10. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

Mayor Rich Tran – express gratitude to be part of the Veterans Commission.

2. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Lisa Ciardella and Staff Daniel Clark– overview of all special events

Art Walk – October 14, 2022

Pumpkins in the Park – October 22, 2022

Dia De Los Muertos – October 29, 2022

Veterans Day – November 11, 2022

Veterans Luncheon – November 19, 2022

Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 1, 2022

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Honoring Milpitas Veterans Project

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Devereux adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ruby General, Recording Secretary