



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

MEETING MINUTES

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER

40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.

ROOM 140/141

MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Choy called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners Brown, Choy, Devereux, Garcia, Karadi, Lingad, Monzon, and Tomlin
- ABSENT:** Commissioner Sandhu
- City Staff:** Daniel Clark – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
Lisa Mendes – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
John Macon – Recreation and Community Services Supervisor
Renee Lorentzen – Director of Recreation and Community Services
- City Council Liaison:** Vice Mayor Barbadillo (absent)
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Choy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Alternate Commissioner Tomlin was seated.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for October 1, 2025.
Motion/Second: Brown/Monzon
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for August 6, 2025.
Motion/Second: Devereux/Monzon
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: Choy, Devereux, Lingad, and Monzon
NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: Garcia, Brown, and Tomlin
- PUBLIC FORUM** N/A
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Commissioner Devereux announced that there will be a Veterans Standdown event on November 6-November 8 at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Tomlin announced that there will be a Santa Clara County VSO presentation at 6 p.m. on 10/8/25 at the Moose Lodge in San Jose, and at 6 p.m. on 11/12/25, there will be a presentation about the National Cemetery benefits.

New commissioners Tomlin and Brown, and new student commissioner Karadi and all existing commissioners introduced themselves to each other.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Veterans Car Show – Recreation and Community Services Staff

Ms. Lorentzen provided a presentation about past car shows and what would be required if the commission were to hold one. The commission discussed the possibility of hosting a Veterans Car Show. If the commission wishes to host a car show, the work plan would have to be amended, and a budget for it be established. The commission will have to do the planning from the preparation to the cleanup. Commissioner Garcia explained that he has produced car shows in the past and is involved with car clubs.

The commission would like templates of the past car shows. Preparation will be about 9 months, and effective sub-committees will need to be established. Lessons learned from past shows are also desired, with the possibility of a smaller footprint and a shorter length of the event.

MOTION to continue the discussion about hosting a car show.

Motion/Second: Garcia/Tomlin

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

b. Veterans Day – Recreation and Community Services Staff

The commission discussed the Veterans Day Ceremony and will hold a rehearsal on 11/3/25 at 10 a.m. Staff member Clark stated that the Knights of Columbus, and representatives from the offices of Alex Lee, Aisha Wahab, Otto Lee, and Ro Khanna will be in attendance.

c. Veteran of the Year – Recreation and Community Services Staff

Staff member Clark distributed the application for Veteran of the Year for the commission's review. The commission agreed that they would like to add the discharge status of the nominee to the application.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Staff member Clark announced that the Recreation and Community Services will be holding the Milpitas Fiesta on October 11, Pumpkins in the Park on October 25, Dia de Muertos on November 1, the Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2025 and Tree Lighting and Milk and Cookies on 12/5.

LIAISON REPORT

N/A

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Veterans Brick Wall, Say Hi to a Hero, Veteran Car Show, and Veterans Day Ceremony Review

ADJOURNMENT With there being no further business, Chair Choy adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 3, 2025.