



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

MEETING MINUTES

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER

40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.

ROOM 140/141

MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chair Monzon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners Brown, Devereux, Garcia (5:50 p.m.), Karadi, Lingad, Monzon, and Tomlin
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Choy, Chuan, and Sandhu
- City Staff:** Daniel Clark – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
Lisa Mendes – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
- City Council Liaison:** Vice Mayor Barbadillo (absent)
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Vice-Chair Monzon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Alternate Commissioner Tomlin was seated.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for April 1, 2026.
- Motion/Second: Devereux/Brown
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for February 4, 2026.
- Motion/Second: Brown/Tomlin
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: Brown, Monzon, and Tomlin NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: Devereux/Lingad
- PUBLIC FORUM** None.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Student Commissioner Karadi mentioned that it would be a good idea if Veterans spoke to the students at Elementary Schools in Milpitas, and he is willing to contact Sinnott.

Commissioner Tomlin stated that there will be a Veteran Exposition on April 6, 2026 in Morgan Hill from 9:30-2:30 p.m.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Keep Milpitas Safe & Stable – Madison Nguyen, Interim Economic Development Director, and Kal Zubair, Economic Development Specialist

Kal Zubair and Madison Nguyen gave a presentation about the City of Milpitas' efforts to gather input from the community to ensure fiscal sustainability.

b. Memorial Day Ceremony 2026 – Recreation & Community Services Staff

Per the work plan of the Veterans Commission, they are to assist with the Veterans and Memorial Day Ceremonies. The commission discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony to take place on Monday, May 25, 2026. Chair Garcia stated he may have a contact for a keynote speaker. Ceremony rehearsal will take place on Thursday, May 21, at 10 a.m. The commission also suggested that the NJROTC do the flag raising.

c. Veterans Recognition Luncheon – Recreation & Community Services Staff

Part of the Veterans Commission Workplan is to host the Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon. The luncheon will take place at Jose Higuera Adobe Park on May 16 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Commissioners should work on securing more vendors and items for the chance drawing.

d. Veterans Outreach - Recreation & Community Services Staff

The commission discussed ways to reach out to Veterans in the Milpitas Community, and suggested that they contact the VSO to see if they can distribute information on their behalf.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT Staff member Clark announced that the City will be hosting the Black April Commemoration on April 30 from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Community Center.

LIAISON REPORT N/A

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

ADJOURNMENT With there being no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.