

# CITY OF MILPITAS

## MINUTES

### ART COMMISSION MEETING

**Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission.

**Date of Meeting:** June 22, 2020

**Place of Meeting:** Zoom Meeting

**I. Call to Order:** Chair Agg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Ghose led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Agg, Driggers, Ghose, Tang and Umarani  
City Council Liaison: Councilmember Montano  
City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator  
Salia Lopa – Senior Public Services Assistant

**IV. Seating of Alternates:** None

**V. Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for June 22, 2020 as submitted.  
**M/S:** Driggers / Tang **Ayes:** All

**VI. Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION** to approve Minutes for May 11, 2020 once amended to reflect Arts Commission instead of Senior Arts Commission  
**M/S:** Driggers/Umarani **Ayes:** All

**VII. Public Forum:** None

### **VIII. Announcements and Correspondence**

Chairperson Agg announced that at a recent Milpitas Rotary Club meeting, Vice Mayor Bob Nunez informed the group that the BART station will open at the end of June.

Councilmember Montano announced that the Economic Development Department's current focus is providing assistance to small businesses. Thus, there have been no plans made regarding rescheduling Better Block Milpitas, which was originally scheduled for May 29-30 and has been cancelled due to Shelter-in-Place orders.

### **IX. Business Items**

#### **a. Valley Transportation Authority Presentation**

VTA presented an overview of the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing project, which includes architectural enhancements. Karen Gauss of VTA introduced Architect Bill Gould, from San Jose.

Mr. Gould provided the commission with a presentation on the architectural elements at the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing, which suggest the shape of the hills behind.

**b. Pedestrian Overcrossing Art**

Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator McLane provided the commission with a presentation of the Pedestrian Overcrossing Art location, including a map detailing that the area that is available for a City public art project. The area for public art is located on the ground level and is highly visible to pedestrians and motorists. Ms. McLane provided an overview of the process for issuing a Call for Artists.

**c. Valley Water Adopt-a-Bench Art Project**

Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator McLane presented the Valley Water's request for a courtesy approval for a student art project that is part of a series throughout the Valley Water system. Valley Water employees Kristen Yasukawa, Peggy Lam and Domingo Candelas were present to answer any questions that the Commission may have.

MOTION: Vote to issue a letter of courtesy approval for Valley Water's Adopt-a-Bench Art Project.

M/S: Driggers/Umarani

Ayes: ALL

**d. Discussion of 2020-2021 Work Plan**

Commission continued discussion of 2020-2021 Work Plan. Ranking and voting on top Priorities. The Commission ranked the following items as top priority: Milpitas Arts and Cultural Grants, Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing and Prioritizing locations for potential public art projects to beautify specific areas.

## **XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports**

Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator McLane discussed the virtual events upcoming, including Milpitas' participation in a Global Pride Event taking place with other cities/counties and states, and week of virtual Fourth of July activities. Ms. McLane reported that the Park and Recreation Master Plan will embark on the second phase of the project, a community survey, and encouraged all Commissioners to take the survey.

Councilmember Montano reported there will be flags displayed around the medians in Milpitas in honor of Fourth of July.

## **XII. Future Agenda Items**

- Public Art Specifications for VTA Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing
- Overview of Mobile Stage (Visit if possible, after COVID restrictions are lifted)
- Public Art Fund Update
- Identifying art collection maintenance needs.

**XIII. Adjournment:**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. to the next special meeting on a date in August to be determined.