

CITY OF MILPITAS

MINUTES

ART COMMISSION MEETING

- Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Senior Arts Commission.
- Date of Meeting:** May 11, 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 Tang led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Agg, Driggers, Ghose, Tang and Umarani (arrived 7:08 p.m.)
City Council Liaison: Councilmember Montano

City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Recreation Assistant Director
David Sanchez - Public Services Assistant
- IV. Seating of Alternates:** None
- V. Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for May 11, 2020 as submitted.
M/S: Driggers / Tang **Ayes:** All
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION** to approve Minutes for February 24, 2020, once amended to reflect Commissioner Tang was present for the meeting.
M/S: Tang / Ghose **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

Discussion of 2020-2021 Work Plan

Background: Commissioners reviewed items from the 2019-20 Work Plan that they wished to consider carrying over to 2020-21, especially in light of the possible extension of social distancing requirements into the new fiscal year.

Commissioners discussed that Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program and Phantom Art Gallery could be affected the restrictions, but both should be resumed when allowable.

Commissioners felt Public Art Installations were more do-able, in particular specifications for the Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing and planning for maintenance for artwork in the City's existing collection.

Commissioners discussed that Performing Arts Program posed the most challenges because of limitations on public gatherings.

The Milpitas Film Festival was a pet project of a former commissioner. The Commission discussed that it could require significant effort to produce such an event. Councilmember Montano suggested the Commission consider a less ambitious Video Festival, that would attract students and others in the community who enjoying making videos on their phones to participate.

Councilmember Montano asked how many 2019-20 goals had been accomplished and suggested the Commission narrow its focus for the coming year, so it would be more likely to accomplish its goals.

Individual commissioners tentatively indicated which projects they felt were priorities. Commissioner Umarani cited the Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing and maintenance as high priorities. Commission Ghose discussed her interest in focusing on adding public artwork to beautify a specific Milpitas. Commissioner Driggers suggested an idea from a previous year, regarding the Calaveras-680 underpass.

Action: Commissioners agreed to hold a special meeting on June 22, with the primary goal to finalize the 2020-21 Work Plan, in order to present to City Council in August to allow for work to begin as soon as possible when shut-down orders are lifted.

Ayes: All

XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports

Staff McLane discussed the virtual events upcoming and provided a report on applications for Commissioners

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Public Art Specifications for VTA Montague Expressway Pedestrian Overcrossing
- Overview of Mobile Stage
- Public Art Fund Update
- Identifying what art pieces are located and in which parks.

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. to the next special meeting on June 22, 2020.