CITY OF MILPITAS
Arts Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 27, 2023
Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Seating of Alternates**
5. **Approval of Agenda:** March 27, 2023
6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**: January 23, 2023
7. **Public Forum**
   Those interested are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on the agenda. Speakers may provide their name and city of residence for the record, and comments may be limited to three minutes, or less. As an item not listed on the agenda, no response is required of the Commission or staff. However, Commission members may request staff to add the item to a future meeting agenda. This public meeting will be led with professionalism, respect, and civility, so profanity and/or vulgar language will not be allowed.
8. **Announcements**
   a. Introductions
   b. Form 700 deadline, April 3, 2023. Fine applies if late.
9. **Business Items**
   a. **Open Meetings and Transparency**
   City Attorney Michael Mutalipassi will review Commissioners' responsibilities under the Ralph M. Brown Act.
   Recommendation: Receive training.
   b. **Milpitas Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update Zoning Advisory Committee Appointment – Planning Staff**
   The City of Milpitas is seeking representatives from various City commissions to join the Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC) and advise on the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update, which will update the City's outdated Zoning Ordinance to further the 2040 General Plan goals and policies. The ZAC is an ad hoc committee composed of existing City

commissions and will convene at key points during the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update process to review working material and provide insight and feedback. Participation by members appointed to the ZAC is temporary; the roles and responsibilities of its members will conclude with City Council adoption of the project, which is anticipated to occur in approximately 2.5 years.
Recommendation: Receive nominations and appoint an Arts Commissioner to serve on the ZAC

c. **Phantom Art Gallery Applications**
Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator McLane will present an application for upcoming Phantom Art Gallery exhibits – Sharat Lin.
Recommendation: Approve for future exhibits at the Phantom Art Gallery.

d. **Work Plan Review**
Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator McLane will provide a status update on Commission's 2022-23 Work Plan items.
Recommendation: Receive update and discuss tasks to be completed.

10. City Liaison Reports

Report from Staff Liaison

- Recent and Upcoming Milpitas Arts Programs
- Dixon Landing Survey

Report from Councilmember Liaison

11. Adjournment

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CITY OF MILPITAS
M I N U T E S

ART COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission

Date of Meeting: January 23, 2023

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order: Vice Chair Ghose called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Hekkelman led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Brahim, Ghose, Hays, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani, Alternate Commissioner Qiu

Commissioners Absent: Agg, Student Commissioner Lee, Alternate Commissioner Khan

City Council Liaison Absent: Councilmember Phan

City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Community Engagement & Inclusion Administrator
Justin Yount – Sr. Public Services Assistant

IV. Seating of Alternates: Alternate Commissioner Qiu

V. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION to approve the Agenda for January 23, 2023.
M/S: Hays/Brahim **Ayes:** All

VI. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION to approve the Minutes from November 28, 2022, as submitted.
M/S: Hays/Hekkelman **Ayes:** Brahim, Hays, Hekkelman, Qiu
Abstain: Ghose, Oldham, Umarani

VII. Public Forum: None.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence:

Community Engagement & Inclusion Administrator McLane introduced newly appointed Alternate Commissioner Qiu.

IX. Business Items:

a) Election of Chair, Vice Chair
Commission provided nominations for Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the calendar year.

Commissioner Hays nominated self to serve as chair.

MOTION to elect Commissioner Hays as Chair.
M/S: Brahim/Hekkelman **Ayes:** All

Commissioner Ghose nominated self to serve as Vice Chair.

MOTION to elect Commissioner Ghose as Vice Chair
M/S: Ghose/Oldham **Ayes:** Brahim, Ghose, Hekkelman, Oldham, Qiu
Abstain: Umarani
Noes: Hays

b) Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants

Community Engagement & Inclusion Administrator McLane presented two applications for Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants. One is for a benefit for Milpitas High School Theatre's summer trip to the Fringe Festival, which will require use of the mobile stage at a City park on April 29 for an outdoor concert and art show. MHS Theatre Teacher Kaila Schwartz was present to answer questions. The second is for the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association, for use of Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial Park for a Juneteenth Festival on June 17, celebrating Black art and culture.

MOTION to approve application for MHS for use of park and mobile stage for fundraiser event.
M/S: Brahim/Umarani **Ayes:** All

MOTION to approve application from Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for use of park and mobile stage for Juneteenth Festival.
M/S: Umarani/Ghose **Ayes:** All

c) Upcoming Milpitas Arts Outreach Opportunities

Community Engagement & Inclusion Administrator McLane shared information about upcoming Spring outreach opportunities where help is needed from the Arts Commission. Commissioners Ghose and Hekkelman volunteered to assist.

XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports

Community Engagement & Inclusion Administrator McLane provided updates on Recreation programs, services and upcoming events.

XII. Future Agenda Items

Workplan Review. Options for displaying art at City Hall.

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 27, 2023 at 7 p.m.

AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission

DATE: March 23, 2023

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Tegan McLane, Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator / Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: **Virtual Phantom Art Gallery Applications: Sharat Lin (Item 9C)**

Executive Summary:
The Arts Commission will review one application for Phantom Art Gallery Exhibits: Sharat Lin.

Staff Recommendation:
Approve Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Sharat Lin, acting as a curator.

Financial Impact:
None.

Description:
The Phantom Art Gallery was established in 2000, with the goal of providing local artists of all ages, experience levels and mediums an opportunity to show their work within the City of Milpitas. The Phantom Art Gallery currently displays artwork in four public galleries at the Milpitas Community Center and Milpitas Library. The Arts Commission reviews applications and serves as the jury to select artists for exhibit. Staff contacts selected artists to schedule, facilitate and promote shows.

The Virtual Phantom Art Gallery was added in January 2021, to offer local artists an opportunity to display work during the pandemic and to offer local art lovers a chance to view artworks, while the physical gallery spaces were closed.

Sharat Lin is the curator of The Art of the Protest, an archival collected of framed original silk screen posters of social protests in the Bay Area from 1969 to present. The posters are the creations of many different artists, many of who are anonymous. The early works were ephemera, posted on walls and used as protest signs, and never intended to last more than a few weeks. Additions in recent years have greatly diversified the social issues expressed and bring the size of the collection to approximately 70 posters.

Sharat Lin is a community activist, political economist, writer, educator, dancer and visual artist based in San Jose. The focus of his art is to support and inspire grassroots movements for social justice. He acquired the original 26 posters while a student at U.C. Santa Cruz and U.C. Berkeley.

Staff recommends approval of the proposal. As the size of the collection exceeds space in the gallery, staff would work with curator to determine the best pieces for display in a public setting,

times, and locations for his exhibit and ensure that contextual signage is provided. The curator would sign the art display waiver on behalf of the anonymous artists whose work is displayed.

Arts Commission FY 2022-23 Work Plan

Topic/Advisory Area	Tasks	Required Resources	Goal Deadline
Public Art Master Plan	Assist with outreach and development of Public Art Master Plan	Consultant, Commission, Staff	Spring 2023
Placemaking through Arts	Assist with ARPA-funded Art Walk event	Commission	Fall 2022
	Work with staff and consultants to incorporate art placemaking opportunities into Main Street and Milpitas Metro development activities	Commission, staff	Ongoing
	Work with staff to incorporate art placemaking into selected City events	Commission, staff	Ongoing
Public Art Installations	Conduct Call for Artists for public art park historical markers, jointly with PRCRC ($TBD)	Commission, Staff	Fall 2022
	Select and Commission Artists for public art park historical markers, jointly with PRCRC	Commission, Staff	Fall 2022
	Conduct RFQ for Park Art (Sculpture, Functional, Etc.)	Commission, Staff	Fall 2022
	Conduct Invitational Call for Dixon Landing Park artwork ($30,000)	Commission, Staff	Fall 2022
	Support Mural Program	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
City Public Art Collection	Following conservator evaluation, recommend maintenance schedule for City-owned public art.	Commission, Staff	Spring 2023
Milpitas Arts	Support performing arts in Milpitas.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Support Phantom Art Gallery exhibits.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Promote public awareness of Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants to encourage applications for events. Review and approve up to in-kind value of $10,000.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
Arts-related Collaborations	Explore opportunities for an art project in collaboration with Elmwood Correctional Facility	Commission	Spring 2023

Approved by City Council - September 20, 2022