

CITY OF MILPITAS

MINUTES

ART COMMISSION MEETING

- Minutes:** Special Meeting of the Arts Commission.
- Date of Meeting:** February 8, 2021
- Place of Meeting:** Zoom Meeting
- I. Call to Order:** Chair Agg called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair Ghose led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Agg, Ghose, Tang and Umarani
City Council Liaison Absent: Mayor Tran
City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Community Engagement & Inclusion Administrator
Salia Lopa – Senior Public Services Assistant
- IV. Seating of Alternates:** None
- V. Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for January 25, 2021, as submitted.
M/S/: Tang/Ghose Ayes: All
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from January 25, 2021 as submitted.
M/S: Tang/Ghose Ayes: All
- VII. Public Forum:** Urvishkumar Mehta suggested that the City of Milpitas provide and join in various multicultural events.
- VIII. Announcements and Correspondence**
Chair Agg asked if there was any additional communication about an exhibit of winners of Milpitas Strong art contest, which was announced during the Public Forum by resident Robert Jung. Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator Tegan McLane stated she had not connected with Mr. Jung yet, as the Virtual Phantom Art Gallery had just been launched.
- IX. Business Items**
a. Montague Pedestrian Overcrossing Mural Public Selection
Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator Tegan McLane provided the Commission with a presentation and review of finalists' submissions and provided results of public outreach. Artists were invited to make final comments and answer commission questions.

MOTION to recommend Amandalynn design to City Council.

M/S: Tang/none No vote taken.

MOTION to recommend ORLUarts (Liv Losee-Unger) design to City Council.

M/S: Ghose/Agg **Ayes:** Agg, Ghose **Noes:** Tang, Umarani

Commissioners discussed at length during and after the votes, since they were unable to arrive at a consensus. They agreed that each design had strong merits.

Commissioner Tang noted that his motion and subsequent vote on Commissioner Ghose's motion were made on the basis of overall public preference for the Amandalynn design.

Vice Chair Ghose noted that public support for all four options was close, but she supported ORLUArts design because it she felt it better represented Milpitas' history and was unlike work she has seen elsewhere.

Chair Agg also supported the ORLU design for historical connection to Milpitas and noted that the he felt the artist would be most flexible regarding any City requested changes. He said it was important the art represent all Milpitas residents, not only the Metro area residents.

Commissioner Umarani said he supported the Ryan Petersen design, because he felt Petersen brought a higher level of expertise on public projects, had done extensive analysis of the site and would be easiest for the City to work with on any requested changes.

XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports

Community Engagement and Inclusion Administrator Tegan McLane reported the Virtual Phantom Art Gallery is now open and invited the Commission to the Virtual Reception will take place on Saturday, February 13th at 3:30 p.m.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Public Art Master Plan
- Overview of Mobile Stage (Visit if possible, after COVID-19 restrictions are lifted)
- Utility Boxes, as part of the beautification plan

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is on March 22, 2021.