



CITY OF MILPITAS

Community Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

1. **Call to Order** – Chair Vishal Gandhi called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Oscar Leon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chair Vishal Gandhi, Vice Chair Jinky Peralta, Commissioners Oscar Leon, Jose Geronimo, and Armilyn Quijano

Commissioner Elizabeth Ashley arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Commissioner Suraj Viswanathan arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Kavita Sreedhar arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua was present.

Staff Present: City Manager Ned Thomas, Economic Development Director Alex Andrade, Senior Administrative Analyst Sarah Balcha, and Administrative Analyst II Michelle Silva

4. **Seating of Alternates**

None.

5. **Approval of Agenda:** November 1, 2023

Motion to approve November 1, 2023 agenda

Motion/Second: Commissioner Oscar Leon / Vice Chair Jinky Peralta

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 5 Noes: 0 Abstain: 2

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** October 4, 2023

Motion to approve October 4, 2023 minutes

Motion/Second: Commissioner Armilyn Quijano / Commissioner Jose Geronimo

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 3 Noes: 0 Abstain: 4

7. **Public Forum**

None.

8. Announcements

- a. Previously Acting City Manager, Ned Thomas, presented himself to the commission as the City of Milpitas' new City Manager.
- b. Economic Development Director, Alex Andrade, provided the commission with an update on the Philippine Consulate initiative to invite the group to City Hall to provide services to the local and regional Filipino community.
- c. Administrative Analyst II, Michelle Silva, provided the commission with an update on Housing Division Manager, Robert Musallam.

9. Business Items

a. Spring Cleaning

The Commissioners discussed dates, locations, and assigned tasks for Spring Cleaning Day.

Motion to hold Spring Cleaning Day on Saturday, April 27th or May 4th

Motion/Second: Vice Chair Jinky Peralta / Commissioner Oscar Leon

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 6 Noes: 0 Abstain: 1

Commissioner Elizabeth Ashley will report back to the commission at the January 2024 meeting on which date would best work per the Milpitas High School schedule as the commission depends on the high school volunteers for event success.

The following locations were discussed for holding Spring Cleaning Day.

- Vice Chair Jinky Peralta nominated Mobilodge of Milpitas
- Commissioner Oscar Leon nominated the Selwyn neighborhood
- Commissioner Suraj Viswanathan nominated the Pines neighborhood
- Commissioner Kavita Sreedhar nominated the Calaveras Blvd./Abbott neighborhood and commercial area

Motion to hold Spring Cleaning Day at the Mobilodge of Milpitas

Motion/Second: Vice Chair Jinky Peralta / Commissioner Armilyn Quijano

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 4 Noes: 2 Abstain: 1

Lastly, the commission discussed the next steps for the event and who would be reaching out to the mobile home park.

Motion to nominate Vice Chair Jinky Peralta to reach out to the property manager at Mobilodge of Milpitas

Motion/Second: Chair Vishal Gandhi / Commissioner Jinky Peralta

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

Vice Chair Jinky Peralta will report back to the commission at the January 2024 meeting on her discussion with the property manager at Mobilodge of Milpitas.

b. Community Engagement & Affordable Housing and Building Safety Month

The Commission discussed what they would like to do for their community engagement item on the CAC work plan. It was decided that they would like to piggyback off Building Safety's event(s) planned for May.

Senior Analyst Sarah Balcha will report back dates at the January 2024 meeting for holding the community engagement event.

10. Discussion of Future Agenda Items

None.

11. City Liaison Reports

a. City Manager

City Manager Ned Thomas provided the following updates:

1. The City Manager provided updates on various affordable housing projects occurring in Milpitas.
2. The City Manager provided background on agenda items that the City Council will consider at the November 7th and November 14th City Council meetings.

b. Vice Mayor

Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua provided the following updates:

1. The Vice Mayor congratulated City Manager Ned Thomas on the recent appointment.
2. The Vice Mayor applauded the Storefront Improvement Grant Program that assists commercial businesses on North and South Main Street with façade improvements to storefronts through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

c. City Staff

None.

12. Adjournment

- a. Time: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM to the December 6, 2023 meeting

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