

CITY OF MILPITAS

MINUTES

ART COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission

Date of Meeting: November 27, 2023

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order: Chair Hays called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Hays led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Ghose, Hays, Hekkelman, Qiu
Commissioners Absent: Agg, Oldham, Umarani, Alternate Commissioner Khan, Student Commissioner Lee
City Council Liaison Present: absent
City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Assistant Director
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant

IV. Seating of Alternates: Alternate Commissioner Qiu

V. Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** to approve the Agenda for November 27, 2023.
M/S: Hekkelman/Ghose **Ayes:** All

VI. Approval of Minutes: **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from September 25, 2023, as submitted.
M/S: Hekkelman/Qiu **Ayes:** All

VII. Public Forum: Milpitas Resident Lavonne Zamora spoke about the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant that was approved by the Arts Commission at their May meeting for Center Stage Performing Arts, and her concerns that the grantee allowed a third party, Triple Threat Theatre Foundation, to oversee organizational details of the grant performance, including how performers were acknowledged.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence:
a. Commissioners' announcements – none
b. Staff Announcements – Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented Artwalk contest winners Christina Lim, Annie Lim, and Vihaan Parmar. She also announced the notice of Vacancy for Student Commissioners.

IX. Business Items:
a. Phantom Art Gallery Applications
Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented the application for the upcoming Phantom Art Gallery exhibit for Salvatore Ventura.

Recommendation: Approve Phantom Art Gallery exhibit for Salvatore Ventura.

MOTION to approve artist Salvatore Ventura.

M/S: Hekkelman/Ghose **Ayes:** All

b. Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Application

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant request from the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for its Juneteenth event at Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial Park. The value of the grant is \$1,033, the cost of the open space rental for a resident non-profit organization.

Recommendation: Make a recommendation to City Council to approve the request from Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association's Juneteenth event.

MOTION to recommend to City Council for approval.

M/S: Hekkelman/Hays **Ayes:** All

c. Muralist Applications

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented two muralist portfolios for possible prequalification. The artists are Joshua Powell and Cat Ferraz.

Recommendation: Prequalify muralists as appropriate

MOTION to approve Joshua Powell

M/S: Ghose/Hekkelman **Ayes:** All

MOTION to approve Cat Ferraz

M/S: Hekkelman/Qiu **Ayes:** Hays, Hekkelman, Qiu
Noes: Ghose

d. Arts Commission Meeting Frequency

Assistant Director Tegan McLane reviewed the section of the Commission bylaws that covered meeting frequency and explained all options for increasing meeting frequency. Switching to monthly meetings would require an amendment to the bylaws and would need to be approved by City Council. Assistant Director McLane did inform the Commission that they do have the option to call Special Meetings as needed. The Commission agreed to move forward with the staff recommendation.

Recommendation: Make procedural changes to address concerns without implementing a change to bylaws.

XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports

Assistant Director Tegan McLane provided updates on Recreation programs, services, and upcoming events, pertaining to Arts, as well as a brief update on the Public Art Fund Balance.

Vice Mayor Chua absent.

XII. Future Agenda Items

Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant approval process – public forum concern

Private donations toward Utility Boxes

Youth Art Wall

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 22, 2024, at 7 p.m.