



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 23, 2024

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: September 23, 2024
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: June 3, 2024
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. Commissioners' announcements
- b. Staff announcements

9. Business Items

- a. **Measure J: Milpitas Public Services Reauthorization Measure**

On August 5, the Milpitas City Council unanimously placed Measure J – the City of Milpitas Public Services Reauthorization Measure – on the November 2024 ballot. If authorized, Measure J does not raise tax rates and continues the voter-approved ¼-cent sales tax for 8 years to maintain Milpitas' local services and quality of life. Further information on Measure J, including Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at <http://www.milpitas.gov/MeasureJ>. Recommendation: Receive educational staff report on Measure J.

- b. **Phantom Art Gallery Applications – José Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim**
 Assistant Director McLane will present applications for an upcoming Phantom Art Gallery exhibits – José Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim.
Recommendation: Approve or deny a Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for José Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim.
- c. **Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Application – Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association’s Juneteenth Event**
 Assistant Director McLane will present a request for recommendation of a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant for its third annual Juneteenth celebration to City Council.
Recommendation: Recommend to City Council a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant for Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association’s Juneteenth Event.
- d. **City Hall Art**
 City Council has expressed interest in adding art to the City Hall lobby and has requested the Arts Commission consider possible types of art and locations within the lobby. Additionally, it has also requested the Commission discuss any new or different types of artwork that it would be interested in seeing in front of City Hall.
Recommendation: Discuss art locations/types the Commission would be interested in seeing within City Hall lobby and any new and different types of artwork for the front exterior of City Hall.

10. City Liaison Reports

Report from Staff Liaison

- Recent and Upcoming Milpitas Arts Programs
 - Milpitas Community Theatre’s Willy Wonka Jr., October 17-20, 2024
 - Milpitas Community Concert Band’s Melodious Tricks and Treats, October 25, 2024
 - Phantom Art Gallery Commissioners and City Staff Show
- Public Art Project Status
 - Higuera Park (budget \$45K)
 - Dixon Landing Park (budget \$30K)
 - Historical Park Markers (budget \$100K)
 - Public Art Master Plan (budget \$80K)
- Public Art Fund Balance

Report from Councilmember Liaison

11. Next Meeting Date – November 25, 2024

12. Adjournment

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, August 5, 2024

MILPITAS COMMUNITY CENTER

457 E. CALAVERAS BLVD.

LARGE MEETING ROOM

MILPITAS, CA 95035

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Hekkelman called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
ROLL CALL	<p>PRESENT: Commissioners Cacao, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani, Qiu</p> <p>ABSENT: Commissioners Brahim, Ghose, Young</p> <p>City Staff: Tegan McLane – Assistant Director Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant</p> <p>City Council: Vice Mayor Chua</p>
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Hekkelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Commissioner Qiu was seated as an alternate.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p>Motion to approve the agenda for June 6, 2024.</p> <p>Motion/Second: Umarani/Cacao</p> <p>Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0</p>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	<p>Motion to approve the minutes for June 3, 2024.</p> <p>Motion/Second: Cacao/Oldham</p> <p>Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0</p>
PUBLIC FORUM	None
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Hekkelman announced her attendance at the annual Commissioner's Recognition event.Staff announcements – Assistant Director Tegan McLane announced that Designing Local will contact Arts Commissioners for interviewers as they are Stakeholders in the Public Art Master Plan.
BUSINESS ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Phantom Art Gallery Application – Sujata Tibrewala Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented an application for a Phantom Art Gallery exhibit for Artist Sujata Tibrewala. The artist works with mixed

media and acrylic. The artwork aims to inspire people to break hierarchies and recognize universal connections.

Recommendation: Approve or deny a Phantom Art Gallery exhibit for Sujata Tibrewala.

MOTION to approve exhibit for Sujata Tibrewala.

Motion/Second: Cacao/Oldham

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: Umarani

b. Arts Commission Work Plan – Recreation and Community Services Staff

Assistant Director McLane presented a draft of the Arts Commission 2024-25 Work Plan for Commissioners to review. Work Plan was reviewed and accepted with no changes.

Recommendation: Recommend Arts Commission's 2024-25 Work Plan to City Council with any desired changes.

Motion to recommend 2024-25 Work Plan to City Council for final approval.

Motion/Second: Umarani/Cacao

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Assistant Director McLane provided updates on Recreation programs, services, and upcoming events, as well as a brief update on Milpitas Arts programs, the status of the Public Art projects, and Art Fund balance.

LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor Chua provided updates on City Council items.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Hekkelman adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM to the next scheduled meeting held on September 23, 2024.

AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission



DATE: September 23, 2024
TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners
FROM: Tegan McLane, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Phantom Art Gallery Applications: José Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim (9B)

Executive Summary:

The Arts Commission will review the application for Phantom Art Gallery Exhibits for José Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve or deny Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for José Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar and Christina Lim.

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.

San Jose resident **José Garcia** is a carpenter and self-taught artist who has been drawing since childhood and once dreamed of becoming an architect. He works in a wide variety of mediums, including ink, pencil, charcoal, sculpture and metrical composition, drawing inspiration from his surroundings. Most of works are untitled, and many are accompanied by verse. He would like to exhibit his artwork at all the Phantom Art Gallery venues.

Milpitas resident **Aarya Mhaskar** is an eighth grade student with a strong passion for art. Over the past three years, she has developed her skills through formal art classes, working with various mediums such as charcoal, colored pencils, and oil painting. Aarya's preferred medium is charcoal, which she uses to create works based on both photographic references and objects she has researched. She recently won third place in an art competition at Park Victoria Baptist Church. She would like to exhibit her artwork at all the Phantom Art Gallery venues.

Milpitas resident **Christina Lim** holds a BFA in Graphic Design from the California College of the Arts. After initially dabbling in painting during her college years, she rekindled her passion for art in 2020 and has been actively showcasing and selling her miniature artworks since 2021, also taking on commissioned pieces. Her artworks are primarily acrylics and watercolors. She

recently began working on larger canvases. Her latest collection centers around the theme of light as a symbol of hope and encouragement, capturing the serene beauty of redwoods, nature, and the landscapes of Hawaii. She won first place at the Milpitas Art Walk. She would like to exhibit her artwork at all of the Phantom Art Gallery venues.

AGENDA REPORT



Arts Commission

DATE: November 27, 2023
TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners
FROM: Tegan McLane, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants Program – Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association’s Juneteenth Event (Item 9C)

Executive Summary:

The Arts Commission is responsible for reviewing and recommending to Council grants up to an in-kind value of \$10,000. The Arts Commission will consider a grant application from the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for the use of open space for its third annual Juneteenth event.

Staff Recommendation:

Recommend to City Council a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant for Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association’s Juneteenth Event.

Financial Impact:

The value of this grant is \$1,069, the cost of open space rental for a resident nonprofit organization. Indirect costs include a small amount of staff time associated with publicizing the event through City marketing channels and working with the group to process its application.

Description:

The Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant program is intended to provide access to City space for events that foster the arts and culture in Milpitas and make a wide variety of arts programs available to Milpitas residents. Priority is given to Milpitas-based organizations and artists, and others offering free or discounted programming, open to the public.

These in-kind grants cover up to 40 hours of free use of City facilities (limits: two events per year and two consecutive days use of a facility), including waiver of security deposit, application fee and Recreation staff time associated with the rental. Limited in-kind marketing support is also included. The total value per in-kind grant cannot exceed \$10,000.

The grant does not cover any required City or County permits or other City Departments’ staff time that might be required for larger events. Nor does it waive requirements that the applicant provide insurance with the City named as additionally insured.

Request Summary:

The **Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association** has submitted a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant request for use of Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial Park and the mobile stage for a Juneteenth event.

The group has hosted a free Juneteenth event at this park since 2023, including stage performances, a resource fair, and food vendors. Last year's event drew around 200 people. It featured an R&B soul band The Flow, as well as local DJ O Henry, Milpitas native and Beaumont Texas new reporter Kayla Choates as MC, as well as performances by local students and local church gospel singers.

Attendance at the 2025 event is expected to be about 300 people. The group hopes to add African-American cultural vendors this year.

The requested park is available on the group's first choice event date, June 21, 2025. However, City will not be able to provide a mobile stage as it does not have one available. It can approve – as a condition of the grant – use of a stage rented from an outside vendor.

Value

The value of this grant request is \$1,100, including an open space rental at the resident nonprofit organization rate (\$1,069) and the application fee (\$31). This grant also waives the security deposit (\$1,000).

Other considerations:

The 2025 Juneteenth event, as proposed, would require a City of Milpitas special event permit, permission for vendors, and may require a Santa Clara County Event Organizer Permit if more than one food vendor is used. The cost for both these permits is the responsibility of the host organization and is not covered by this grant. Nor is award of this grant any guarantee that the City special event permit or County event organizer permit will be granted.

Milpitas Arts & Culture Grant Application #7

Organization Name Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association

Contact Person Name/Title Chris Norwood, Committee Chair

Email [REDACTED]

Phone [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED]

Organization Website <https://sunnyhillsneighborhood.org>

Organization's Mission

- Provide instruction in civic responsibility and community service;
- Enhance and support education to local residents in art, music, and science;
- Sponsor activities and public performances which enhance the quality of life for all residents in the area;
- Sponsor special events and public gatherings to promote a sense of community well-being and cohesion;
- Sponsor and conduct activities and social gatherings which bridge cultural gaps between different ethnic and cultural segments of the community.

What type of event(s) are you planning? - Public Performance
- Keynote, Resource Fair, Dancing, Historical presentation, Food vendors, Cultural vendors, Recorded Music

How will your event benefit Milpitas residents? Check all that apply.
- Opportunity for Milpitas artists to perform or display work
- Opportunity for Milpitas audiences to be exposed to unfamiliar art form, culture, artist
- Opportunity for Milpitas residents to participate in art or cultural activity
- Opportunity to foster cross-cultural understanding

What type of space do you need?
- Mobile Stage
- Picnic Area
- Open Space Outdoors

First choice date, or start date if requesting range Jun 21, 2025

Second choice date, or end date if requesting range Jun 14, 2025

Start Time 12:00 PM

End Time 06:00 PM

Proposed Event(s)

This public/free event will take place in the Sunnyhills-Augustine Park to commemorate and celebrate Juneteenth. Primary event organizers are Milpitas residents: the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association Juneteenth Committee, including Chris Norwood, Donnie Eiland, Colette Choates, Sanae Alexander, Terry Kinney, Allysson McDonald, and others, with support from the SNA board. The vision for the event includes:

-Performance of Black National Anthem

- Presentation of the History of Juneteenth
- Proclamations recognizing the History of Sunnyhills, early Milpitas Black families & Government Officials
- Speeches by Youth & Adult Black leaders
- Prayer or Benediction
- Entertainment: Singing, Live Band, DJ, other culturally relevant performances
- Dancing
- Resource Fair (government agencies and non-profits)
- African-American and Creole Soul Food
- African American Cultural Vendors
- Sponsors Fair

Community Outreach Plan

We plan to broadly publicize the Juneteenth celebration through print media (The Beat and the Post), Social Media, local schools (Parent Square), community service groups (Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, MHS BSU) and other avenues of spreading the word such as word of mouth, email blasts, and posters/fliers at local businesses.

We are hoping to attract 300 attendees.

Community Benefit

This event will enhance the engagement of African American culture throughout the community. The program will help bridge cultural gaps between different ethnic and cultural segments of the community and will create a more vibrant cultural arts scene by offering live performances, exhibits, speeches, vendors, and other culturally enriching activities, free of charge for the Milpitas Community. People will enjoy family time with neighbors and friends, experiencing live music and other performances and artistic and historical presentations. Community members of all ages will have opportunities to perform or exhibit art, and students will be able to gain community service hours. Everyone will gain an increased sense of community through shared experiences and cultural and historical awareness.
