

CITY OF MILPITAS

MINUTES

ART COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission

Date of Meeting: September 25, 2023

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order: Chair Hays called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

III. Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Brahim, Hays, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani

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

City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor Chua

City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Assistant Director
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant

IV. Seating of Alternates: None

V. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION to approve the Agenda for September 25, 2023.

M/S: Hekkelman/Brahim

Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes:

MOTION to approve the Minutes from May 22, 2023, as submitted.

M/S: Brahim/Hekkelman

Ayes: Brahim, Hays, Hekkelman,
Oldham

Abstain: Umarani

VII. Public Forum:

Sharat Lin thanked the Arts Commission for approving the current Phantom Art Gallery Art of Protest exhibit and shared that the recent reception was successful with approximately 40 attending.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence:

- a. Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Brahim spoke about her participation in the interviews for the upcoming Milpitas Community Theatre productions.
- b. Staff Announcements – Assistant Director Tegan McLane announced Rebecca Huang, the new Arts, Heritage, and Community Engagement Assistant.

IX. Business Items:

a. Phantom Art Gallery Applications

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented applications for upcoming

Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Anuprita Khare and Sanjay Pandav. Artist Khare also presented a selection of artwork in person.
Recommendation: Approve Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Anuprita Khare and Sanjay Pandav.

MOTION to approve artist Anuprita Khare.

M/S: Oldham/Umarani

Ayes: All

MOTION to approve artist Sanjay Pandav.

M/S: Hekkelman/Oldham

Ayes: All

b. Dixon Landing Park Project

Assistant Director Tegan McLane provided updates on the Dixon Landing Park project. Staff is preparing to release a Call for Artists for muralists to design and install wildflower-themed murals on 18 concrete pillars around the entry and front and rear of the snack shack building for a commission of \$30,000. In addition, she requested a volunteer to serve on the Art Selection Committee. Commissioner Hekkelman volunteered to serve.

c. Muralist Applications

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented three muralist portfolios for possible prequalification. The artists are Norman “Vogue” Chuck, Vanessa “Agana” Espinoza, and Kyla Ramos.

Recommendation: Prequalify muralists as appropriate

MOTION to approve all three artists.

M/S: Hays/Hekkelman

Ayes: All

d. Commission Work Plan

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented the Commission’s Council-approved work plan with the addition of two new items: A public art project in City Hall and a Revised Milpitas Arts and Culture grants program. The commission received the report and volunteered for specific tasks as outlined in the work plan.

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 provided updates on City Council items.

XII. Future Agenda Items

Possibility of increasing the frequency of Arts Commission meetings.

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 27, 2023, at 7 p.m.

MOTION to approve the Adjournment for September 25, 2023.

M/S: Brahim/Hekkelman

Ayes: All