

**CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES**

ART COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission

Date of Meeting: January 22, 2024

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order: Acting Chair Umarani called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: Acting Chair Umarani led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Cacao, Brahim, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani, Young,
Alternate Commissioner Qiu

Commissioners Absent: Ghose

City Council Liaison Present: Vice Mayor Chua

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 January 22, 2024.
M/S: Hekkelman/Brahim **Ayes:** All

VI. Approval of Minutes:
MOTION to approve the Minutes from November 27, 2023, as submitted.
M/S: Hekkelman/Qiu **Ayes:** Brahim, Hekkelman, Qiu
Abstain: Cacao, Oldham, Umarani, Young

VII. Public Forum: None

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence:

- a. Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Hekkelman announced being part of the Dixon Landing Mural selection committee and that a muralist has been selected.
Commissioner Brahim announced that she attended the Phantom Art Gallery Artist's Reception for Saranya Chandrasekran.
- b. Staff Announcements – Assistant Director Tegan McLane introduced new Commissioners Darra Cacao and Vicki Young. She also announced the notice of Vacancy for Student Commissioners as well as the resignation of Alternate Commissioner Khan.

IX. Business Items:

a. Elections of Officials

Annually, the Arts Commission is required to select at the first meeting of the calendar year, a Chair and Vice-Chair from the appointed members for a term of one year.

Recommendation: Nominate and elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to serve through December.

Commissioner Hekkelman nominated herself to serve as Chair.

MOTION to elect Commissioner Hekkelman as Chair.

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

Commissioner Umarani nominated himself to serve as Vice-Chair.

MOTION to elect Commissioner Umarani to serve as Vice-Chair.

M/S: Umarani/Brahim **Ayes:** All

b. Phantom Art Gallery Applications

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented an application for a Phantom Art Gallery exhibit from artist Shital Pathekar. Shital's work consists of representational art and abstract paintings.

Recommendation: Approve or deny Phantom Art Gallery exhibit by Shital Pathekar.

MOTION to approve exhibit by Shital Pathekar.

M/S: Umarani/Oldham **Ayes:** All

c. Muralist Applications

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented a muralist portfolio for possible prequalification. The artist is Lila Gemellos.

Recommendation: Prequalify or deny muralist Lila Gemellos.

MOTION to pre-qualify Lila Gemellos.

M/S: Brahimi/Oldham **Ayes:** All

d. Mural Selection Committee Assignments

As part of the Mural Program Policy, an Arts Commissioner is required to serve on the selection committee of each project.

Recommendation: Select an Arts Commissioner for each upcoming project – 1) Valley Transportation Agency Pillars, 2) Utility Box at Calaveras/Gadsden, 3) Utility Box at Jacklin/Escuela, 4) Utility Box at Yosemite/Sinclair Frontage.

Commissioners volunteered to serve on Public Art Selection Panels as follows.

- 1) Valley Transportation Agency Pillars – Commissioner Brahimi
- 2) Utility Box at Calaveras/Gadsden – Commissioner Oldham
- 3) Utility Box at Jacklin/Escuela – Commissioner Umarani
- 4) Utility Box at Yosemite/Sinclair Frontage – Alternate Commissioner Qiu

e. Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program

The City Council will now make the final approval on Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants. Staff is recommending that the Commission reviews and the City Council's approvals be on a deadline to allow for events to be included in the Activity Guides that are published by the Recreation and Community Services Department. Assistant Director Tegan McLane reviewed the proposed schedule with the Commission.

Recommendation: Receive staff report and make a recommendation on the new grant review approval.

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MOTION to approve staff recommendation.

M/S: Young/Brahim

Ayes: All

XI. Staff, City Council and Liaison Reports

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

Vice Mayor Chua provided updates on City Council items.

XII. Future Agenda Items

Utility Box donation rules. Community Graffiti Art Wall.

XIII. Adjournment:

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is March 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.