



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

Monday, November 25, 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: November 25, 2024
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: September 23, 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. Phantom Art Gallery Application – Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment

Assistant Director McLane will present an application for an upcoming Phantom Art Gallery exhibit curated by Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE).

Recommendation: Approve or deny a Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment.

b. **Public Art Master Plan Update**

The Commission will receive an informational presentation from Anna Talarico of Designing Local updating them on the Public Art Master Plan project and policy recommendations.

Recommendation: Receive the report and provide feedback on draft policy recommendations to the consultant.

c. **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. A discussion was initiated at the October meeting and the Commission requested to continue it until this meeting.

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
 - Current Phantom Art Gallery exhibits: Jose Garcia at Milpitas Library through January 9; Christine Lim at Milpitas Community Center through January 16.
 - Tree Lighting, December 5, 7-9 p.m. features performers including Milpitas Community Concert Band, Jenson School for the Performing Arts.
 - Phantom Art Gallery Commissioners and City Staff Show – deadline to submit is December 20.
 - Theatre Audition Workshop for Adults, January 13-February 3.
- 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 – January 27, 2025

12. Adjournment

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viewed online: www.milpitas.gov/our-government/commission/arts/

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MILPITAS CITY HALL

455 E. CALAVERAS BLVD.

COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Hekkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners Cacao, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani (arrived 7:03 p.m.), Qiu, Young (left 8:07 p.m., personal emergency)
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Brahim, Ghose
- City Staff:** Tegan McLane – Assistant Director
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant
- City Council:** Vice Mayor Chua
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Hekkelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Commissioner Qiu was seated as an alternate.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for September 23, 2024.
- Motion/Second: Cacao/Oldham
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for June 3, 2024.
- Motion/Second: Qiu/Cacao
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- PUBLIC FORUM** The following people spoke under Public Forum:
1. John Agg, Milpitas, CA
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- a. Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Umarani reported on the Silicon Valley Arts Roundtable on June 20 and his participation at the Park Markers Subcommittee meeting on August 12.
 - b. Staff announcements – None

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Measure J: Milpitas Public Services Reauthorization Measure

Assistant City Manager Matt Cano presented a slideshow on Measure J via Zoom.

b. Phantom Art Gallery Applications – Jose Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim

Assistant Director McLane presented applications for Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Artists Jose Garcia, Aarya Mhaskar, and Christina Lim.

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

Motion to approve exhibit for Jose Garcia.

Motion/Second: Oldham/Cacao

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

Motion to approve exhibit for Aarya Mhaskar.

Motion/Second: Umarani/Oldham

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

Motion to approve exhibit for Christina Lim.

Motion/Second: Cacao/Hekkelman

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

c. Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Application – Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association’s Juneteenth Event

Assistant Director Tegan McLane presented a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant request from Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association to use Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial Park on June 21, 2025, for its third annual Juneteenth celebration.

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

Motion to recommend request to City Council for approval.

Motion/Second: Cacao/Young

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

d. City Hall Art

At the request of City Council, the Commission discussed possible types/locations of artwork they would be interested in seeing within the City Hall lobby and the front exterior of the building. Ideas included redesigning the water fountain features, textiles or tapestry, and historical art pieces (about Milpitas), and a Milpitas Monster statue. The Commission agreed to revisit this item at a future meeting to gather more ideas and have a more

thorough discussion.

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.

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

City Hall Art

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Hekkelman adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM to the next scheduled meeting held on November 25, 2024.

AGENDA REPORT



Arts Commission

DATE: November 25, 2024
TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners
FROM: Tegan McLane, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Phantom Art Gallery Application: Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (9A)

Executive Summary:

The Arts Commission will review an application for an upcoming Phantom Art Gallery exhibit curated by Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE-USA).

Staff Recommendation:

Approve or deny a Phantom Art Gallery exhibit for Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE-USA).

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.

The Global Artists' Creative Collaboration for Empowerment (GACCE-USA) is the "first and only Filipino-American-initiated state-registered art organization with multicultural involvement in California." Though founded by Filipino Americans, it did not limit itself to Filipino-American artists, and now is comprised of 85 percent multi-cultural members.

GACCE-USA has organized over a dozen of art exhibits that focus on multicultural dialogue and collaboration. Exhibitions include the "I-Migrant" series at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library and Mexican Heritage Plaza in San Jose, "Philippine Nostalgia" at the Philippine Consulate in San Francisco, "Allegories" at the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery in 2018, and exhibits in the Philippines and New York City.

The group proposes an exhibition titled "Colors of Diversity" to be showcased at all Phantom Art Gallery locations. The exhibit features the work of featuring Pakistani-American artist Ayesha Samdani, Filipino-American artist Dr. Bernadette Cooper, Vietnamese-American artist Trieu Dao, and Mexican-American artist Yolanda Guerra.

Color is a symbol of varied cultures used in their storytelling. Colors express diversity where each culture identifies itself because of its symbolism. Colors of diversity is a symbolic representation of concepts associated with a particular culture.

GAACE also prides itself on its Ambassadors of Goodwill program, where respected and authoritative figures in the field of arts and culture will promote goodwill congruent to GAACE's mission to build an art community that hones aesthetic capital of diverse artists and enthusiasts from the community, attaining convergent cultural leadership. GACCE has also introduced, recognized and endorsed creative placemaking. It has likewise recognized individuals and collaborative partners who have impacts in the society and community that inspires different people because of their works that advocates for social justice.

AGENDA REPORT

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DATE: November 25, 2024
TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners
FROM: Tegan McLane, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Public Art Master Plan Update (9B)

Executive Summary:

The Commission will receive an informational presentation from Anna Talarico of Designing Local updating them on the Public Art Master Plan project and policy recommendations.

Staff Recommendation:

Receive the report and provide feedback on draft policy recommendations to the consultant.

Financial Impact:

None.

Description:

In April 2024, the City engaged the services of consultant Designing Local to conduct public outreach and develop a Public Art Master Plan for Milpitas tailored to the community's vision and incorporating best practices in the field.

To date, the consultant has conducted 25 stakeholder interviews, outreach tabling Milpitas Library, Milpitas Sports Center, Barbara Lee Senior Center, Milpitas Teen Center and the Lantern Festival, and received more than 150 survey responses to an online survey.

The consultant has also conducted policy benchmarking with nearby cities of Fremont, San Jose, Morgan Hill, Palo Alto, and Emeryville.

This, the first of two meetings planned with the Arts Commission, will focus on policy recommendations.

Anna Talarico of Designing Local will present remotely on recommended changes and additions to Milpitas' Public Art Policy.