



# CITY OF MILPITAS

## Arts Commission

### MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, September 23, 2024

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.