



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

6:30 PM

Monday, January 6, 2025

MILPITAS CITY HALL

455 E. CALAVERAS BLVD.

COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

MILPITAS, CA 95035

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hekkelman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Arts Commissioners Brahim, Cacao, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani, Qiu, Young
PRCRC Commissioners Ashby, Davis, Ehardt, Gomez, Jackson, Strauss, Thomas

ABSENT: Arts Commissioners Ghose, Oldham, Siruvole
PRCRC Commissioners Castillo, Reddy, Silva

City Staff: Renee Lorentzen – Director
Tegan McLane – Assistant Director
Joshua Clevenger – Supervisor
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant
Amanda Ingua – Public Services Assistant

City Council: Councilmember Chua

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hekkelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALTERNATE SEATING

Arts Commissioner Qiu was seated as an alternate.
PRCRC Commissioner Ashby was seated as an alternate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda for January 6, 2025.

Motion/Second: Strauss/Gomez

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the Subcommittee minutes for November 13, 2024.

Motion/Second: Ehardt/Umarani

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

PUBLIC FORUM

The following people spoke under Public Forum:

- 1. Carmen Montano, Milpitas, CA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioners’ announcements – None
- b. Staff announcements – None

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Womanhood Marker Proposal for Delano Manongs

Assistant Director McLane presented a request from Arts Build Community and Santa Clara County’s Office of Women’s Policy to install one of the County’s Womanhood project art markers in Delano Manongs Park. This marker would honor Dr. Dawn Mabalon, poet, journalist, historian, and activist. Dr. Mabalon is best known for her work documenting Filipino Americans' history, including that of the Delano Manongs.

Recommendation: Recommend to City Council for or against participating in Santa Clara County’s Womanhood project, allowing installation of an art marker commemorating Dr. Dawn Mabalon in Delano Manongs Park.

Motion to recommend to City Council to participate in Santa Clara County’s Womanhood project.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Brahim

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

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b. Historical Park Markers Public Art Project

Assistant Director McLane presented the final design rankings from the Park Markers Subcommittee, which unanimously recommended moving forward with the park marker design from artist Vickie Jo Sowell. As a second option, the park marker design from Kaspari Dell workshop was brought forward for the joint body to review. Commissioners reviewed both designs and voted unanimously to move forward with the park marker design from artist Vickie Jo Sowell.

Recommendation: Recommend to City Council Vickie Jo Sowell’s design for historical park markers.

Motion to recommend to City Council Vickie Jo Sowell’s design for historical park markers.

Motion/Second: Jackson/Cacao

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

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

None

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None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Hekkelman adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.