



CITY OF MILPITAS Arts Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, March 24, 2025

MILPITAS CITY HALL

455 E. CALAVERAS BLVD.

COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Ghose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** **PRESENT:** Commissioners Brahim, Cacao, Ghose, Hekkelman, Qiu, Umarani, and Student Commissioner Siruvole
ABSENT: Commissioners Oldham and Young
City Staff: Tegan McLane – Assistant Director
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Ghose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Commissioner Qiu was seated as an alternate.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for March 24, 2025, with changes to Item C noting only two muralist applications to be presented.
Motion/Second: Cacao/Hekkelman
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for February 24, 2025.
Motion/Second: Umarani/Brahim
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- PUBLIC FORUM** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
a. Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Hekkelman announced her attendance at the SV Creates Content Pick-Up Party on March 14. Commissioner Brahim announced the Anderson Collection's Tenth Anniversary milestone with special anniversary exhibitions and events.
b. Staff announcements – None
- BUSINESS ITEMS**
a. **Public Art Master Plan Update & Engagement Activity**
Assistant Director McLane provided an update on the project and displayed

the Weaving Together artwork created by artist Saranya Chandrasekaran, which included participation from members of the public. Commissioners provided feedback on where to display the project which included City Hall and the Phantom Art Gallery at the Community Center. With further discussion, it was decided to rotate the artwork every few months at various locations throughout the city's public facilities until a permanent location is determined.

b. State Bill 456 – Contractors Exemption for Muralists

Assistant Director McLane provided an update on State Bill 456 and Milpitas' participation with the League of Cities effort to advocate for an exemption to the Contractors State License Law for muralists. Commissioners expressed strong support for this initiative. The vote was unanimous in favor of sending a letter from the Commission to Mayor Montano affirming their support.

Motion to send a letter of support from the Commission.

Motion/Second: Umarani/Cacao

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

c. Muralist Applications: Zoe Caron and Richa Priyanka

Assistant Director McLane presented muralist portfolios for possible prequalification. Applications were received by artists Zoe Caron and Richa Priyanka.

Motion to prequalify Richa Priyanka, limiting artist to smaller projects such as electrical boxes.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Brahim

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: Brahim, Ghose, Hekkelman, Qiu
NOES: Cacao, Umarani

Motion to prequalify Zoe Caron.

Motion/Second: Brahim/Hekkelman

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

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Assistant Director McLane provided updates on Recreation programs, services, and upcoming events, as well as brief updates on Milpitas Arts programs and Art Fund balance.

LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Montano provided updates on City Council items.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Vice Chair Hekkelman adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. to the next Special meeting held on May 19, 2025.