



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 19, 2025

Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Seating of Alternates

5. Approval of Agenda: May 19, 2025

6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 24, 2025

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. Genasys Protect

Emergency Management Coordinator Toni Charlop will present information about the City's new alert and warning system to provide direction to the public in an emergency.

Recommendation: Receive the presentation.

b. Phantom Art Gallery Applications – Belinda Lo, Pranita Saklikar, Joy Marie Hallare

Assistant Director McLane will present applications for upcoming Phantom Art Gallery exhibits by Belinda Lo, Pranita Saklikar, and Joy Marie Hallare.

Recommendation: Approve or deny Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Belinda Lo, Pranita Saklikar, and Joy Marie Hallare.

c. **Muralist Applications: Kristina Yu**

Assistant Director McLane will present applications from a muralist requesting pre-qualification for mural projects in Milpitas.

Recommendation: Vote on muralist prequalification for Kristina Yu.

d. **Work Plan**

Assistant Director McLane will present staff's recommendation for Arts Commission Work Plan items.

Recommendation: Discuss and vote to submit Work Plan proposal to City Council or continue discussion to a special meeting in June.

10. City Liaison Reports

Report from Staff Liaison

- Recent and Upcoming Milpitas Arts Programs
 - Current Phantom Art Gallery Exhibits: Sujata Tibrewala: Feminism Revisited and Curvy Yoga Series, March 6-May 22
 - Milpitas Community Concert Band season
 - Milpitas Community Theatre *Spelling Bee*, May 29-June 1.
- Public Art Project Status
 - 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 – Special Meeting TBD or Regular Meeting, September 22, 2025

12. Adjournment

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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.

AGENDA REPORT

Arts Commission



DATE: May 19, 2025

TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners

FROM: Tegan McLane, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department

SUBJECT: Phantom Art Gallery Applications: Belinda Lo, Pranita Saklikar, Joy Marie Hallare

Executive Summary:

The Arts Commission will review three applications for Phantom Art Gallery exhibits: Belinda Lo, Pranita Saklikar, and Joy Marie Hallare.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve or deny Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Belinda Lo, Pranita Saklikar, and Joy Marie Hallare.

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.

Belinda Lo is an oil painter with over 25 years of experience, deeply influenced by her travels and life experiences. Beginning her career in marketing management, her profession enabled her to travel to more than 100 countries. These global adventures have had a profound impact on her artistic vision, merging the places she visited with her rich imagination. In many of her pieces, Lo includes children, often symbolizing her own children and her desire for them to experience the same landscapes and scenes that she has encountered throughout her travels. Through her art, Belinda continues to blend the beauty of the world with her own unique creative voice, offering a glimpse into her experiences and aspirations. Belinda would like to request an exhibition at all Phantom Art Gallery locations.

Pranita Saklikar has been painting for over a decade and relocated to Milpitas in 2019. During the pandemic, she continued to refine her skills by taking virtual lessons with a master artist in India. Following the pandemic, she began offering charity art classes at her local temple, sharing her passion and knowledge with the community. She works with watercolors, acrylics, and digital media. Drawn to the complexity of facial expressions, she captures the depth of human emotions in portraits of people who inspire her. She also specializes in painting Lord Ganesha, incorporating people's names in both Devanagari and English scripts. Pranita views

art as a way to capture emotions, preserve traditions, and share stories. Through her work, she aims to pass on cultural richness to the next generation.

Joy Marie Hallare is an artist, drafter and muralist. She was born and raised in Qatar and moved to the United States in 2003. After living in Fresno, she relocated to Milpitas in 2024. Joy began her artistic journey in graphic design and as a drafter. She draws and paints during her spare time. During the pandemic, she started creating murals for the City of Fresno and later expanded her work to cities across Southern California. Her artwork is inspired by nature and often features elements of fantasy. She specializes in acrylic painting to bring her nature-inspired, imaginative themes to life. She would like to request an exhibition at all Phantom Art Gallery locations.

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DATE: May 19, 2025
TO: Honorable Chair and Commissioners
FROM: Tegan McLane, Assistant Director, Recreation and Community Services Department
SUBJECT: Muralist Application – Kristine Yu

Executive Summary:

Assistant Director McLane will present the portfolio of muralist Kristine Yu for possible prequalification for the Mural Program.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve or deny muralist Kristine Yu for prequalification under the Milpitas Mural Program.

Financial Impact:

None.

Description:

As part of its adoption of the Mural Program, City Council indicated that the program should produce up to four new murals per year, with at least one to be painted by a Milpitas resident. The call for muralists is an ongoing open call.

One additional muralist application has been received. Staff will present the portfolio for possible prequalification.

The artist is Kristine Yu.

Proposed Arts Commission FY 2025-26 Work Plan

Topic/Advisory Area	Tasks	Required Resources	Goal Deadline
Public Art Master Plan Administrative Recommendations	Support code updates including Art in Private Development percent-for-art increase, new Collection Management Policy, and Acquisition Policy updates.	Commission, Staff	Fall 2025
	Seek Public Art partnership opportunities for partnerships with local transportation agencies (VTA, BART, Cal Trans).	Commission, staff	Ongoing
Place Making	Work with staff and consultants to incorporate art placemaking opportunities into Main Street and Milpitas Metro development activities	Commission, staff	Ongoing
	Work with staff to incorporate art placemaking into selected City events	Commission, staff	Ongoing
Public Art Installations	Complete Historic Park Markers Phase 1 (\$100,000)	Commission, Staff	Fall 2025
	Complete annual Utility Box graffiti abatement projects (\$1800 per box)	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Pending passage of SB 456, resume and complete Dixon Landing Pillar Project	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Pending passage of SB 456, resume and complete VTA McCandless Pillar Project	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Pending successful transit art grants, complete funded public art project(s).	Commission, staff	Ongoing
City Public Art Collection	Prioritize and recommend maintenance and repairs schedule for City-owned public art.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
Milpitas Arts	Support performing arts in Milpitas.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Support Phantom Art Gallery exhibits. Review and approve applications.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing
	Promote public awareness of Milpitas Arts and Culture Grants to encourage applications for events. Review and approve up to in-kind value of \$10,000.	Commission, Staff	Ongoing