



CITY OF MILPITAS

Community Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

7:00pm

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting/Teleconference

1. **Call to Order** – Vice Chair Ashish Kathapurkar called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Oscar Leon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Chair Van Lan Truong, Commissioners Ashish Kathapurkar, Oscar Leon, Vishal Gandhi, Thelma Batilo, Jose Rosario, Gilroy Casanova III, Kavita Sreedhar

Commissioners Absent: None; all Commissioners present.

Councilmember Evelyn Chua present.

Staff Present: Building Safety and Housing Director Sharon Goei, Housing Planner Sara Court.

Chair Van Lan Truong began presiding over the meeting after resolving audio issues.

4. **Seating of Alternates**

Commissioner Gilroy Casanova III was seated.

5. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve January 6, 2021 agenda

Motion/Second: Vishal Gandhi/Jose Rosario

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0

6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve December 2, 2020 minutes

Motion/Second: Oscar Leon/Jose Rosario

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0

7. **Public Forum**

Mr. Mehta expressed importance of cultural diversity and heritage as well as developing sister-to-sister relationships with other communities.

8. **Announcements**

Staff welcomed Councilmember Evelyn Chua as the new CAC City Council Liaison.

9. Business Items

a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update Presentation

Lyhak Eam, Associate Civil Engineer for the City of Milpitas and Linda Gates with Gates and Associates presented the update on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, including the purpose of the project, efforts to date (existing conditions assessment, benchmarking, community engagement), and next steps.

Commissioners expressed the importance of incomplete projects from the prior plan being carried into the new plan, as well as the importance of social services being offered to the community.

b. CAC Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Chair Van Lan expressed her appreciation for the CAC, City Staff, and former City Council liaison, and opened the 2021 election process.

Commissioner Jose Rosario nominated Commissioner Oscar Leon for the position of Chair.

Motion to vote Commissioner Oscar Leon as Chair

Motion/Second: Jose Rosario/Thelma Batilo

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0

Commissioner Thelma Batilo nominated Commissioner Vishal Gandhi for the position of Vice Chair.

Motion to vote Commissioner Vishal Gandhi as Vice Chair

Motion/Second: Thelma Batilo/Ashish Kathapurkar

Motion carried by a vote of Ayes: 7 Noes: 0

Public Comment

Mr. Mehta emphasized the diversity of the CAC and the value it adds to the community.

10. City Liaison Reports

Councilmember Chua provided the following updates from the City Council:

- City Council is going to discuss removing the term limits for all Commissions at the next City Council meeting.
- City Council is discussing the potential creation of task forces that are related to the CAC, including neighborhood beautification, homelessness, and Measure F funding expenditures.
- Councilmember Chua proposed an initiative to remove the affordable housing in-lieu fee option for ownership projects.

Staff provided an update on the status of the Safety First Community Event with Milpitas Unified School District.

Staff provided an overview of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Funding Survey, including how to create an account on the survey platform, purpose of the survey, and topics covered. Commissioners to assist with the promotion of the survey.

Public Comment

Mr. Mehta expressed the importance for the CAC to monitor CDBG and all federal funds for the City of Milpitas.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM to the next meeting on February 3, 2021.