



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 22, 2025
City Hall Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Seating of Alternates
5. Approval of Agenda: September 22, 2025
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: May 19, 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. Commissioner Announcements

9. **Business Items**

a. **Phantom Art Gallery Applications – Recreation Supervisor General**

Background: The Arts Commission reviews and approves artist(s) exhibits for the Phantom Art Gallery program with locations at the Milpitas Community Center and Milpitas Library. Supervisor General will present applications for potential Phantom Art Gallery exhibits from Dorothy Atkins, Patrick Murdock, and John Langerstrom.

Recommendation: Review and approve or deny individual Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Dorothy Atkins, Patrick Murdock, and John Langerstrom.

b. **Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Application Review – Recreation Supervisor General**

Background: The Arts Commission reviews and approves applications for the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant program. Supervisor General will present an application for a Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant from Dina and Marvin Serber for their annual Milpitas Menorah Lighting event.



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Recommendation: Review Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant application for the Milpitas Menorah Lighting event and make recommendation to City Council for final approval.

c. **November Meeting Schedule – Recreation Supervisor General**

Background: The November Commission meeting falls on a holiday week. To be considerate of commissioners’ engagements and commitments, the commission can decide to keep the meeting on November 24, 2025, or cancel and reschedule to another date, or defer agenda items to the next regularly scheduled meeting in January.

Recommendation: Discuss November meeting schedule and make appropriate motions for any desired meeting changes.

10. City Liaison Reports

- a. **City Council Liaison Report**
- b. **Staff Liaison Reports**

11. Adjournment

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7:00 PM

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COMMUNITY CENTER ROOM 7/8
MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Ghose called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners Cacao, Ghose, Hekkelman, Umarani, Young, Student Commissioners Siruvole and Canaveral
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Brahim, Oldham and Qiu
- City Staff:** Tegan McLane – Assistant Director
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Ghose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** None
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for May 19, 2025.
- Motion/Second: Umarani/Cacao
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for March 24, 2025.
- Motion/Second: Ghose/Hekkelman
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- PUBLIC FORUM** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Umarani announced his attendance at the Commissioners Recognition event.
 - Staff announcements – Assistant Director McLane announced newly appointed Student Commissioner Precious Canaveral and the Stakeholder Focus Group for the Main Street Sense of Place Plan with the Planning Department, which is inviting Commissioners to participate in the discussion to gather feedback, help identify priorities, challenges, and opportunities for the future of the corridor. Staff noted the interested Commissioners and will forward that information to the Planning Department.

d. Work Plan

Assistant Director McLane presented staff's recommendation for the FY25-26 Arts Commission Work Plan items. Commissioners reviewed the Work Plan and discussed adding a digital art project, artist-designed street banners, an art map of all artwork in Milpitas, and utility\ box wrapping. With further discussion, it was decided to accept the Work Plan as presented, with one addition of an online map of all artwork in Milpitas only.

Motion to submit Work Plan proposal to City Council with the addition of an online map of Milpitas art on the City's website.

Motion/Second: Ghose/Hekkelman

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

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Assistant Director McLane provided updates on Milpitas Arts programs and projects, and the Public Art Fund balance.

LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Montano provided updates on City Council items.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Ghose adjourned the meeting at 8:48 PM to the next Regular meeting held on September 22, 2025.