



CITY OF MILPITAS Arts Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, September 22, 2025

CITY HALL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM
455 E. CALAVERAS BLVD.
MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Ghose called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Brahim, Cacao, Ghose, Oldham, Tibrewalla, Umarani, Young, Student Commissioner Canaverall
- ABSENT:** Hekkelman, Qiu, Student Commissioner Siruvole
- City Staff:** Renee Lorentzen – Director of Recreation and Community Services
Ruby General – Recreation Supervisor
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant
Rebecca Huang – Arts, Heritage, and Community Engagement Asst.
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Ghose led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Tibrewalla
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for September 22, 2025.
Motion/Second: Brahim/Oldham
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for May 19, 2025.
Motion/Second: Umarani/Cacao
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: Cacao, Ghose, Oldham, Tibrewalla, Umarani, Young
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: Brahim
- PUBLIC FORUM** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Commissioners' announcements – Commissioner Ghose announced her attendance at a recent SV Creates event.
 - Staff announcements – Director Lorentzen introduced new staff liaison Ruby General, Recreation Supervisor.

BUSINESS ITEMS

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

Recreation Supervisor General presented applications for Phantom Art Gallery exhibits for Dorothy Atkins, Patrick Murdock, and John Lagerstrom.

Motion to approve exhibit for Dorothy Atkins.

Motion/Second: Cacao/Brahim

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

Motion to approve exhibit for Patrick Murdock.

Motion/Second: Brahimi/Ghose

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

Motion to approve exhibit for John Lagerstrom.

Motion/Second: Umarani/Young

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

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

Recreation Supervisor General presented an application for Marvin Serber and Family to host their Milpitas Menorah Lighting event at the Civic Center Plaza on either December 17 or December 18. The grant request includes the use of the event space, tables and chairs, and marketing support. The value of the request is estimated at \$200.

Motion to recommend the Milpitas Menorah Lighting MACG Grant request to City Council for final approval.

Motion/Second: Ghose/Oldham

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

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

Recreation Supervisor General informed the Commission that the regularly scheduled November meeting falls during the holiday week (November 24). In consideration of commissioners' personal commitments and potential scheduling, the commission can decide to keep the meeting on November 24 or cancel and reschedule to another date or defer agenda items to the next regularly scheduled meeting in January. After discussion, the Commission agreed to proceed with the regularly scheduled meeting on November 24.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Montano provided updates on City Council items.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT Recreation Supervisor General provided updates on Milpitas Arts programs and services, including current offerings, recent activities, and upcoming events.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None

ADJOURNMENT With there being no further business, Chair Ghose adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM to the next Regular meeting held on November 24, 2025.