

CITY OF MILPITAS

MINUTES

ARTS COMMISSION

- Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission.
- Date of Meeting:** November 18, 2019
- Place of Meeting:** Barbara Lee Senior Center Room 140/141
- I. Call to Order:** Chair Agg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance:** Calaveras Hills High School student John Gamboa led the pledge.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Agg, Driggers, Hays and Strauss
Commissioners Absent: Besler, Phan and Santos
City Council Liaison: Absent
City Staff Present: Tegan McLane – Recreation Assistant Director
Justin Yount – Public Services Assistant
- IV. Seating of Alternates** None
- V. Approval of Agenda:** **MOTION** to approve the agenda for November 18, 2019 as submitted
M/S: Hays/Strauss **Ayes:** All
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** **MOTION** to approve minutes for October 28, 2019 as submitted.
M/S: Hays/Driggers **Ayes:** All
- VII. Public Forum:** Calaveras Hills High School student John Gamboa introduced himself and indicated he has submitted an application to serve as a Student Representative on the Commission and is excited to help the community by sharing a youth perspective regarding the arts.

VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

Commissioner Strauss announced that she viewed the “Milpitas Monster” film and was very pleased with the showing. She had also mentioned that she spoke with Milpitas Beat Author Eric Shapiro in hopes of potentially working together and incorporating film into Milpitas Arts activities.

IX. Business Items

1. Presentation by SVCCreates Executive Director Connie Martinez

The Arts Commission received a presentation from Connie Martinez with SVCCreates, a regional grantmaking and professional development organization that promotes creative culture in the Silicon Valley through various avenues. This organization was established in 2013 with the merger of Arts Council Silicon Valley and 1stAct Silicon Valley.

2. Phantom Art Gallery Artist Application Julianna Wong

Fremont-based artist Julianna Wong presented two types of artwork: her painted glass objects which displayed Chinese painting techniques and her miniature sculptures and 3D pictures sculpted from polymer clay. The artist is hoping to display pieces as Holiday/Lunar New Year exhibits. The

Commission expressed concerns that, because of their small size, the artist may not have sufficient work to fill a Phantom art Gallery exhibit. They suggested a display case in City Hall would be a more appropriate location. However, the City is in the process of replacing the City Hall display case. The Commission asked Staff to follow up on the status of the new display case and indicated the artist should be invited back to present more work so they can feel confident she has enough small works to fill an exhibit.

3. Public Outreach Efforts

The Arts Commission discussed the possibility of having its own information booth at future City of Milpitas events. The goal of the outreach booth is to help promote commission goals, new/upcoming artists, potential new commissioners/alternates, etc. The commissioner reviewed the current events calendar to determine which events best align with their goals. They tentatively selected the LGBTQ Pride Celebration and Oktoberfest as good venues for a Commissions outreach booth. Staff will come back with finalized dates for the 2020 events.

X. Liaison Report

1. City Council – None

XI. Staff Reports

1. Staff Report – Tree Lighting Event on 12/2 featuring Jensens Performing Arts and Center Stage; Changes to Dancing Deers Public Art Piece; New location proposal for Circle of Time art piece at Higuera Adobe Park

XII. Future Agenda Items

Work Plan Update; Quarterly Update (Public Art Fund)

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm to the next scheduled meeting on January 27, 2020.