



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2026
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: January 26, 2026
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 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

9. Business Items

a. Chair and Vice Chair Elections – Commission Chair

Background: Per the Arts Commission Bylaws, Chair and Vice Chairperson will be selected annually at the first meeting of the appointed member for a term of one calendar year.

Recommendation: Receive nominations and elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the calendar year.

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 the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for its fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Recommendation: Review Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant application for the Milpitas Juneteenth Celebration and make recommendation to City Council for final approval.



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c. Mural Policy Update Discussion – RCS Director Lorentzen

Background: The City of Milpitas Mural Policy provides guidance for the review and approval of murals within the community. At a recent prioritization setting discussion, the City Council prioritized updating the policy to strengthen and formalize Arts Commission involvement in the mural review process. Staff have reviewed the existing policy and have proposed edits to the policy in response to the Council direction as well as general language edits for the Commission's review and consideration.

Recommendation: Review and discuss the Mural Policy and if appropriate, make recommendation to City Council on a Policy amendment(s) for final approval.

d. Park Marker Community Art Project – RCS Director Lorentzen

Background: The Historic Park Marker Art Project has a community art component where residents are invited to create artwork on a related topic/theme to the individual parks. Artwork will be incorporated into the individual marker kiosks. Staff are establishing an art submission review subcommittee and are asking for one (1) commission to serve on the Subcommittee

Recommendation: Receive a volunteer from the Commission to serve on the Historic Park Marker Community Art Review Subcommittee.

10. City Liaison Reports

- a. City Council Liaison Report
- b. Staff Liaison Report
 - May meeting

11. Adjournment



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MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, November 24, 2025

CITY HALL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM
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MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chair Hekkelman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Brahim, Hekkelman, Oldham, Tibrewalla, Umarani, Young, Student Commissioner Siruvole
- ABSENT:** Cacao, Ghose, Qiu, Student Commissioner Canaveral
- City Staff:** Renee Lorentzen – Director of Recreation and Community Services
Amanda Ingua – Public Services Assistant
Rebecca Huang – Arts, Heritage, and Community Engagement Asst.
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Vice Chair Hekkelman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Tibrewalla
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for November 24, 2025.
Motion/Second: Brahim/Oldham
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for September 22, 2025.
Motion/Second: Umarani/Young
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- PUBLIC FORUM** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** None
- BUSINESS ITEMS**
- a. **Phantom Art Gallery Application – City Staff**
City Staff presented an application for a potential Phantom Art Gallery exhibit for Andy Nguyen. Andy Nguyen was in attendance to show several of his artworks.
- Motion to approve Andy Nguyen to exhibit in the Phantom Art Gallery in 2027.
- Motion/Second: Tibrewalla/Brahim
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0

b. Mural Artist Pre-Qualification – City Staff

Recreation Director Lorentzen presented mural artist applications for the Pre-Qualification List. The Commission reviewed each applicant's artwork and decided on its acceptance.

Motion to add all the artists from the Muralist Pre-Qualification List – Adrian S. Litman, Alexandra Riddle, Catarina Ferraz, Chris Granillo, Clint Brill, ARTECLETICA (Daniela Garofalo and Dominic Panziera), Debra Koppman, Deidre Weinberg, Edward Hsu, Elba Raquel Martinez, John Osgood, Joshua Powell, Joy Marie Hallare, Lila Gemellos, Lindsey Millikan, Luis Pinto, Rough Edge Collective (Maria-Jose and Joshua Lawyer) Michelle Fleck, Paul J. Gonzalez, Peter Moen, Rachel Perls, Richa Priyanka, Robert Simon, Timothy Smith, Trinh Mai, Venazir Hannah Laxa Martinez, and Zoe Caron.

Motion/Second: Tibrewala/Oldham

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

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Montano provided updates on City Council items.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Recreation Director Lorentzen provided updates on the annual Tree Lighting event held on Friday, December 5, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Vice Chair Hekkelman adjourned the meeting at 8:03 PM to the next Regular meeting held on January 26, 2026.