



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, January 26, 2026

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, Hekkelman, Oldham, Qiu, Tibrewalla, Student Commissioners Siruvole and Canaveral

ABSENT: Umarani and Young

City Staff: Renee Lorentzen – Director of Recreation and Community Services
Ruby General – Recreation Supervisor
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ghose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALTERNATE SEATING

Tibrewalla for Young and Qiu for Umarani

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda for January 26, 2026.

Motion/Second: Brahim/Oldham

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes for November 24, 2025.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Brahim

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

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members spoke under the Public Forum

1. Anna Yu – Compass Point Mentorship
2. Gaogao Lang – Compass Point Mentorship
3. Jayden Liu – Compass Point Mentorship
4. Annie Wang – Compass Point Mentorship
5. Annie Yu – Compass Point Mentorship
6. Kellyn Hu – Compass Point Mentorship
7. Olivia Xia – Compass Point Membership
8. Lisa Oliver – Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission
9. Feliz Mbuga – Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Ghose announced that she will attend the SVCCreates Municipal Arts Roundtable on January 27, 2026. She also noted that she and Commissioner

Tibrewala will be exhibiting their artwork at the Danville Art Gallery on January 29, 2026.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Chair and Vice Chair Elections – Commission Chair

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Commission Chair to serve for the calendar year.

Motion to nominate and elect Cheryl Oldham as Chair.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Ghose

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

Commissioner Cheryl Oldham elected as Chair.

Chair opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair to serve for the calendar year.

Motion to nominate and elect Jamie Hekkelman as Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Oldham

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0

Motion to nominate and elect Giuliana Brahim as Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Ghose/Brahim

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 2 NOES: 0

Commissioner Jamie Hekkelman elected as Vice Chair.

b. Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Application Review – City Staff

Recreation Supervisor General presented the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant request from the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association to use Sunnyhills Albert Augustine Jr. Memorial Park on June 20, 2026, for its fourth annual Juneteenth Celebration.

Motion to recommend request to City Council for final approval.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Tibrewala

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

c. Mural Policy Update Discussion – City Staff

Recreation Director Lorentzen reviewed the existing Mural Policy and outlined proposed revisions made in response to City Council direction, as well as additional language updates, for the Commission's review and consideration.

Motion to recommend amendments to the Mural Policy, as discussed, to City Council for final approval.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Tibrewala

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

d. Park Marker Community Art Project – City Staff

Staff Lorentzen reported they are establishing an Art Submission Review Subcommittee to review art submissions for a community art component of the Historic Park Marker Art Project. Staff requested one (1) Commissioner to serve on the Subcommittee. Commissioner Ghose volunteered to serve on the Subcommittee, with Commissioner Tibrewala volunteering to serve as the alternate if Commissioner Ghose is unable to fulfill the obligation.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

None.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Recreation Supervisor General reminded the Commission to RSVP to staff emails regarding upcoming Arts Commission meetings and noted that the May meeting falls on Memorial Day. The Commission agreed to hold a Special Meeting on May 18, 2026.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Oldham adjourned the meeting at 8:16 PM to the next Regular meeting held on March 23, 2026.