



CITY OF MILPITAS

Arts Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Monday, March 23, 2026

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

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Oldham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Brahim, Cacao, Ghose, Hekkelman, Oldham, Umarani, Young, Student Commissioners Siruvole and Canaveral
- ABSENT:** Tibrewala and Qiu
- City Staff:** Renee Lorentzen – Director of Recreation and Community Services
Ruby General – Recreation Supervisor
Justin Yount – Senior Public Services Assistant
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Oldham led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** None
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for March 23, 2026, with an amendment to move Business Item D to the first discussion item.
- Motion/Second: Brahim/Cacao
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for January 26, 2026.
- Motion/Second: Brahim/Hekkelman
- Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- PUBLIC FORUM** None
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Chair Ghose announced the SVCcreates Make Music Day, which will be held in June.
- BUSINESS ITEMS**
- a. **Work Plan FY25-26 Review and Work Plan FY 26-27 discussion – RCS Supervisor General**
Recreation Supervisor General reviewed the current FY 2025–2026 Work Plan and identified tasks for commissioners to be included in the FY 2026–2027 Work Plan. Following further discussion, the Commission added the following items to the Public Art Installations section: the Milpitas Skate Park Public Art Enhancement, the Stair Mural and Mosaic at Hidden Lake Park, rotating two-dimensional art on digital billboards, and utility pole activations.

Staff will conduct further research and return to the Commission with a timeline and resource requirements at the May meeting

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 Yu – Compass Point Mentorship
5. Kellyn Hu – Compass Point Mentorship
6. Olivia Xia – Compass Point Membership

b. Phantom Art Gallery Applications – RCS Supervisor General

Recreation Supervisor General presented applications for Phantom Art Gallery exhibits submitted by Belinda Lo, Bing Weng, and Stratford School.

Motion to approve exhibit for Belinda Lo.

Motion/Second: Brahim/Ghose

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

Motion to approve exhibit for Bing Weng.

Motion/Second: Cacao/Young

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

Motion to approve exhibit for Stratford School.

Motion/Second: Young/Umarani

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

c. Muralist Applications – RCS Supervisor General

Recreation Supervisor General presented a muralist application for possible pre-qualification, which was received from the CompassPoint Mentorship Artist Group

Motion to prequalify CompassPoint Mentorship Artist Group.

Motion/Second: Hekkelman/Tibrewala

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

d. VTA Pillars Mural Art Finalist Proposal Review – RCS Director

Recreation Director Lorentzen presented the finalist mural design by artist Timothy Smith, as reviewed by the selection committee on February 18. Commissioners provided feedback regarding color brightness and lighting, expressed concerns about the duck boat imagery, and noted a slight lack of historical references. Staff will convey the feedback to the artist.

Mayor Montano provided updates on City Council items.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT Recreation Supervisor General reminded the Commission to RSVP for the annual Commissioners' Recognition Celebration, scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Community Center Auditorium.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None

ADJOURNMENT With there being no further business, Chair Oldham adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM to the next Special meeting held on May 18, 2026.