

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Public Art Committee (PAC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, February 23, 2009  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

**I. Call to Order** Chairperson Navarro called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** Chairperson Navarro led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call** Committee Members Present: Cherry, Ettinger, Hays, Navarro, Voellger.

Committee Members Excused Absences: Foulk, Rabe, Santos, Strauss  
Committee Members Absent: Tsuei

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen,  
Recording Secretary, Tirzah Cedillo.

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano.

**IV. Seating of Alternates** None.

**V. Approval of Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the agenda dated February 23, 2009.  
M/S: Hays/Voellger Ayes: All

**VI. Approval of Minutes** **MOTION** to approve the minutes of November 24, 2008.  
M/S: Voellger/Cherry Ayes: Cherry, Ettinger,  
Navarro, Voellger  
Abstain: Hays

**VII. Public Forum** None.

**VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**

Carla Moss the artist of “Cartwheel Kids” brought in a picture (not done in Photoshop) where the sculpture of “Cartwheel Kids” was shown in front of the new Milpitas Library. The sculpture would be (3-4) feet from the sidewalk in front of the children’s area.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen announced the Public Art Committee Master Plan was approved on consent by the City Council.

Committee Member Voellger stated the Public Works – Parks Section would have issues/concerns with art being installed on the grassy area of the new Milpitas Library due to landscape upkeep. Also, he suggested to have the artist, Carla Moss re-do the photo with the “Cartwheel Kids” sculpture to size.

Committee Member Voellger stated he submitted pictures of tiles he bought and used for art piece.

Chairperson Navarro stated there was an article in The Milpitas Post thanking the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts for band uniforms from the Milpitas High School Band.

Committee Member Voellger announced the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts would have a Literary Tea show on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Tickets are currently on sale and are going fast.

**IX. Old Business**

**1. Ongoing Project Updates**

▪ **Pinewood Art in Your Park “Green Tree” Installation**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the ongoing art installation project at Pinewood Park (Lonetree and Starlite Ct.) called “Green Tree” is being monitored by both staff and the subcommittee. Staff will be giving regular updates to the Committee on the project status.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she met with the artist, Parks & Recreation Supervisors at Pinewood Park. It was suggested for art to be in the grassy area near the Zanker Elementary school/park area. Committee Member Cherry suggested that the area be marked so that the community could see specifically where the art will be located. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Milpitas Residents that would be most affected would be the corner house, near the area and a few house after that. Committee Member Voellger recommends building a mockup of the proposed site and the background of the new renovation. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the contract has been signed.

**Note. Receipt. File.**

**X. New Business**

**1. Senior Center Art Installation Concept and Budget Recommendation - Staff**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated at the February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Senior Center Art Project Subcommittee meeting they discussed the desires of the senior community, location of the artwork and budget. The Public Art Committee’s approval of the art project concept and proposed budget will go to both the Neighborhood Services and Education Subcommittee and to City Council for final approval at the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen read and walked the committee members through the RFP (Request for Proposals) for the Artist – Designed Benches and Bronze Figures for the Milpitas Senior Center. She stated the RFP is the first draft for the art in front of the Senior Center and near the Barbara Lee Senior sign. Also, she would be moving back the due RFP deadline for proposals stated on the RFP.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Senior Center Art Project Subcommittee discussed a budget not to exceed \$100,000.00 and to move forward. Steve Erickson, Associate Civil Engineer has reviewed the RFP and made his suggestions/changes.

Committee Member Voellger asked if the subcommittee would accept artist’s out-of-the-area. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded should the subcommittee accept artists out-of-the-area the subcommittee would not pay for the artists travel expenses. Committee Member Hays suggested not limiting the area where the artist would come from, but making it clear no travel costs would be paid. Committee Member Voellger stated to remove ‘area only artist’ from the RFP, page 4, under section Eligibility to not exclude out-of-area artists.

Committee Members Cherry, Hays stated to include ‘artist travel costs’ to page 4, under section Budget the first sentence in parenthesis.

**MOTION** to move forward with changes to the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the Artist – Designed Benches and Bronze Figures for the Milpitas Senior Center.

M/S: Voellger/Ettinger Ayes: All

**2. South Main Street Artist Designed Shelter Discussion - Staff**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated on January 23, 2009 staff met with City Engineers and established plans for the South Main Street transit shelters that are City owned, operated and maintained. The transit shelters would be ideal for an Artist Designed structure. Staff would like for the Public Art Committee to discuss working on this project as a Committee with necessary City Staff without subcommittees.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen provided the Committee with an aerial map of the transit shelter located on Montague Expwy/Main Street in front of the new Centria condos where a standard bus shelter is already erected. She stated the Committee could either modify the existing bus shelter or take it out entirely and re-use it at another shelter location.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she did some research and found other artist designs from other states with public art programs.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the first bus shelter would be completed within the next couple of months. Also the bus shelter is in the RDA (Redevelopment Agency) area, so the budget would be fine.

Committee Member Cherry suggested to not totally remove the bus shelter, but to look for ‘art enhancements.’

**MOTION** that the Public Art Committee work together as a group on the South Main Street Artist Designed Shelter for the South Main Street project.

M/S: Hays/Navarro Ayes: All

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

▪ **Cartwheel Kids Relocation**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the stakeholders for City Hall at the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 City Council meeting. It will be a power point presentation.

▪ **City Hall Art**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Public Art Master Plan includes the following projects:

- Senior Center (front/back)
- City Hall replacement
- Street Art
- Cartwheel Kids

The Public Art Committee Master Plan has been approved by City Council. We’re going to City Council again on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to explain in more detail of the replacement of art in front of City Hall.

Committee Member Hays stated she visited the new Milpitas Library and felt that the children’s section was not warm and inviting. Her idea to decorate the Library would be to create a competition for kid’s art; where the Public Art

Committee would pay for the framing. Also, to possibly use a percentage of the art budget to pay for commercial art for the Library for permanent pieces, not rotating art pieces. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked Committee Member Hays to bring to the next meeting research to backup her suggestions. She would speak with the County of Santa Clara about their policies on art and if /how it can be hung.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tirzah Cedillo  
Recording Secretary