

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Public Art Committee (PAC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, June 27, 2011
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Foulk led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call Committee Members Present: Anthony, Cherry, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Nguyen, Santos, Strauss and Voellger

Committee Member excused: Gupta, Navarro,

Committee Members absent:

City Staff Present: Acting Recreation Services Supervisor, Renee Lorentzen, Recording Secretary, Lisa Ciardella.

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano.

IV. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to approve the agenda dated May 23, 2011 with the following change: Move New Business after Announcements/Correspondence

M/S: Voellger/Cherry Ayes: All

V. Approval of Minutes Tabled to July 25, 2011 Public Art Committee Meeting. Committee requested additional minutes to New Business item number 2.

VI. Public Forum None.

VII. Announcements/Correspondence

Commissioner McGuire announced that the Milpitas Historical Society will be sponsoring a community tour on 7/2/11. The event is open to the public and the locations that will be visited include the Alviso Adobe, Silva Apricot Ranch, St John the Baptist Cemetery and Big Dog Winery.

Ms Lorentzen announced that her position has changed to Recreation Services Program Coordinator, but her duties with the Committee will remain the same.

Commissioner Foulk announced that there is a new Superintendent for the Milpitas Unified School District.

Commissioner Navarro announced that the Milpitas Community Concert Band will be having a Halloween performance on 10/28/11 and they performed their "Water" themed concert on 6/17/11.

VIII. Old Business

1. Ongoing Project Updates

1. City Hall Project

Ms. Lorentzen stated that the Marquette's from the artists are due by 7/15/11. The Committee requested that the locations for the Marquettes

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so that the public could vote for their favorite, be agendized at the next meeting.

2. Gateway Signs Project

Ms. Lorentzen stated she would be meeting with the subcommittee on July 11th.

2. TOT Tax Account Report

Ms. Lorentzen stated that she met with a representative from Finance and they reported that there is \$6,000,000 in TOT money. One Million will be used for street improvement projects. TOT monies are currently allocated for the library extended hours. There was allowance for monies to be used for performance art. The committee asked what could be done to change the earmark from performance art to public art. Ms. Lorentzen responded that a request would have to be made by PAC to the City Council. The committee would like to know what the library costs to operate those extended hours for one year. Committee Member Cherry stated there was specific language for where TOT money was to be allocated included in Measures H and I.

Council Member Giordano said the Committee should ask the Council for money from TOT if they feel they need it for the Public Art Program.

Ms. Lorentzen reminded the Committee that there is approximately \$170,000 in unrestricted funds and \$300,000 in RDA project funds of which \$75,000 has been earmarked for the Gateway Signs and \$175,000 for the City Hall Art Project.

The Committee requested that this item be agendized for the next meeting for response to their questions and for further discussion.

3. Alviso Adobe Art Installation Finalist Review

Ms. Lorentzen provided an update on the Alviso Adobe project.

The Committee reviewed the project subcommittee's two recommended finalists: "Old Farm Wagon Sculpture" Project by Adrian Litman and "Water Tower" Project by Carla Moss. Chairperson Foulk called for a straw vote from the committee.

Those in favor for the Water Tower Project were: Hays, McGuire, Nguyen, Santos and Navarro.

Those in favor for the Wagon Project were: Foulk, Cherry, Voellger and Strauss.

MOTION to approve the Water Tower Proposal by Carla Moss.

M/S: McGuire/Nguyen

Ayes: Foulk, McGuire, Nguyen, Santos, Navarro

Noes: Cherry, Voellger, Hays, Strauss

It was pointed out the change in vote from committee member Hays and Foulk after the straw vote. Foulk stated he felt pressure to vote with the majority. Hays stated that after discussion on each project she had changed her mind. Ms. Lorentzen suggested to the committee, that for future projects, they vote for art proposals they feel are best for the project and not be swayed or feel pressured by the majority.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- Alviso Adobe Project Review
- Source of funds for public art
- Selling of Cookbooks
- Selling of items at the 2012 4th of July event

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Members adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on July 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ciardella
Recording Secretary