

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Public Art Committee (PAC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, August 22, 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, Gupta, Foulk, McGuire, Navarro, Santos, Strauss, Voellger and Alternate Phan

Committee Member excused: Hays, Cherry and Alternate Gill

Committee Members absent: Nguyen

City Staff Present: Program Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Recording Secretary, Rosana Cacao.

City Council Liaison excused: Council Member Giordano.

IV. Approval of Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda dated August 22, 2011.

M/S: Voellger/McGuire Ayes: All

V. Approval of Minutes Committee Member Voellger pointed out that requested amendments to the Minutes of May 23, 2011 were not reflected in the version included in the Committee's meeting packet. Staff Lorentzen stated the correct version would be ready for approval at their September 26, 2011 meeting,

M/S: McGuire/Strauss Ayes: All

VI. Public Forum None.

VII. Announcements/Correspondence

Ms. Lorentzen introduced new Recording Secretary Staff, Rosana Cacao and new Alternate #2 Nicole Phan. Ms. Phan told the Committee that she likes art and is currently working at Oracle

VIII. Old Business

1. **Ongoing Project Updates**

1. Gateway Signs Project

Ms. Lorentzen provided an update to the Committee on the meetings conducted with the Gateway Subcommittee where the first location is at the intersection of Montague and Main Street. Parameters for the project Request for Proposal were discussed with the project subcommittee, the Planning and Economic Development Director and City Manager. Staff will return to the September 26, 2011, meeting.

McGuire asked how many Gateway Signs are planned. Ms. Lorentzen stated there are three planned locations. All gateway signs will be planned to have commonality with regards to theme and/or artist team style.

2. Adobe Park Project

Ms. Lorentzen brought the project to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission (PRCRC) for information as the art piece was going to be placed in a City park. The PRCRC preferred the Water Tower. The project's final art piece approval will be presented at the City Council meeting scheduled for September 6, 2011. Ms. Lorentzen reiterated that the Committee should attend this meeting to support their recommended art piece.

Mr. Voellger suggested asking artist Moss to redo her model per specifications and staff stated it has already been done. Staff also informed the Committee that suggestions have been made to artist Adrian Litman about incorporating a Milpitas wagon.

2. Public Art Program Budget and TOT Tax Clarification

Staff Liaison Lorentzen addressed the Committee's questions on the City's TOT account and how much the TOT account contributes to the Library. She informed the Committee that the City's TOT account gives approximately \$428,000 a year to keep the Milpitas Library open for extended hours. Mr. Voellger stated that he thought Measures H&I identified that TOT monies were to be used for the arts as well. Deputy City Attorney Bronwen Lacey stated that Measures H and I only recommended that the City of Milpitas use TOT monies for the Library and the performing and visual arts. The Measure was only a recommendation on how to use funds.

Deputy City Attorney Lacey stated that the California Supreme Court has ordered all cities not to spend RDA monies not contractually executed by June 28, 2011. The Public Art Committee's City Hall project monies have been affected. The Supreme Court said they would try to return back with a Judgment of whether it is lawful for the State to take RDA money or require the agencies be disbanded by January 2012. The status of the City Hall project will be dependent on this Judgment.

Currently, City Hall Project Finalists artists have been paid for the models submitted and been alerted that projects are on hold. The Committee is however able, at this time to move forward with the Gateways Project, Alviso Adobe Project and should look at possible other projects and maintenance on existing public art pieces in the City of Milpitas.

Mr. Voellger shared his disappointment in the movement of the monies to CIP's and the Economic Development Corporation and felt that PAC could have lobbied so that more of their funds could have been moved.

Ms. Lacey explained how the City created a non-profit corporation in order to prevent the State from taking the money from the Redevelopment Agency. Ms. Lacey stated that \$1.5 million from the TOT fund was used for infrastructure emergencies and \$500,000 was used for street resurfacing as approved by the Council in the FY 2010/2011 budget. All existing RDA funds are currently frozen except to pay executed contracts.

Ms. Lorentzen reminded the Committee that they received information about impending account changes in their regular meeting packet agendas and through the City Council meeting packets which are both emailed to them. It is up to Committee to read the information that is given to them and exercise their rights as residents to speak at any Council meeting on items about which they feel strongly.

X. Council Liaison Report None

XI. Future Agenda Items

- Maintenance Plan of existing art
- Gateway RFP for review
- Update on Adobe Art Project

XII. Adjournment There being no further business, Committee Members adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on September 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosana Cacao
Recording Secretary