

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Public Art Committee (PAC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, November 28, 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 7:04 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, Santos, Strauss, Voellger, Alternate Phan and Alternate Mathias.

Committee Member Excused:

Committee Member Absent:

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 November 28, 2011.

M/S: Voellger/Hays                      Ayes: All

**V. Approval of Minutes** **MOTION** to approve the minutes dated October 24, 2011.

M/S: Voellger/McGuire                      Ayes: All      Abstain: Anthony and Santos

**VI. Public Forum**                      None.

**VII. Announcements/Correspondence**

Staff Lorentzen announced the following upcoming events:

- 12/1/11 The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at 7pm with the annual Festival of Trees being held the same night at 5:30pm.

Staff Lorentzen introduced and welcomed Alternate Cyd Mathias.

**VIII. Old Business**

**1. Ongoing Project Updates**

1. **Adobe Park Project** - Staff Lorentzen updated the Committee that the contract is finished, and visited the site with the artist and item will be going to Council on December 8, 2011 for approval.

Chairperson Foulk inquired about the placement of the wagon. Staff indicated it would be placed on the left side of the building entrance near the tree. Payment and fabrication will begin once contract is approved. The Tower will be located in the middle of the park near the playground.

Committee member Voellger asked if a wagon has been located in Milpitas, staff informed PAC none was found in Milpitas but there is one in Livermore.

**2. Cookbook Sales - Committee** members McGuire and Phan sold cookbooks at the Howl at the Moon event and sold six. Staff suggested having a table at the Senior Center or Library to continue selling. Committee members Anthony suggested maybe cooking some of the recipes and have a demonstration table at Safeway.

## **2. Public Art Maintenance Plan Update**

Staff Lorentzen reported on the four public art pieces that the Committee agreed on to be evaluated for further maintenance:

- The artist for the Sun Dial (Augustine Park) is working on a quote for the broken piece. Unfortunately, the original shop closed several years ago and do not have the original work, which brings the cost to reengineer and make the piece more sturdy between \$700-\$1000.
- The Legends of Milpitas (Murphy Park): All the original paint is gone. It would cost \$3830 to redo the entire art. Recommended to clean, sand, primer and repaint.
- Starscape Bench (Starlite Park), the artist recommends leaving it as the weathering to the mirrors is not negatively affecting the aesthetics of the piece. Commissioner Hays agreed with the artist recommendation.
- Hand in Hand Around the Park (Hillcrest Park) – cement needs to be resealed. Issues getting hold of the artists. Contact information is not longer correct.

The Committee agreed to wait until the January meeting and get more information from artists and present an entire maintenance plan to Council for approval.

## **IX. New Business**

### **1. City Hall Project**

Staff Lorentzen brought back the three models so the Committee can revisit the City Hall projects in order to get public input. Chair Foulk shared his frustrations and felt that with the artist already selected, he did not want to wait regardless of the RDA funding. Staff Lorentzen informed Management of the Committees desire to take the models for public input the Committee's plan to bring the projects for public input. Committee Voellger asked for clarification if the \$175K is for this project or to move the Cartwheel Kids. Committee Cherry felt that with the project already in progress she felt strongly to move forward and bring to the public for their opinion on the pieces.

Staff Lorentzen briefly discussed the three art projects: The first piece is a 16 feet minute man is on a marble granite pedestal and made of bronze. The second piece is a Continuous Loop, is a 20 feel aluminum perspective. The third piece is a representation of cornstalk, which is cut metal with 4 benches, and mosaic of the city seal in the center.

Staff Lorentzen asked the Committee to identify locations where they would gather public input. Lorentzen will create a list for the Committee to sign up for. Committee member Anthony asked if staff can provide a written script so information can be consistent.

### **2. Meeting Schedule**

The Public Art Committee's December 2011 and May 2012 meetings fall on City Holidays (Christmas and Memorial Day).

Staff Lorentzen recommends canceling the December 26, 2011 and May 28, 2012 meeting and participating in the Veterans Day Phantom Art Gallery to support the exhibit.

M/S: Strauss/Foulk

Ayes: All

**X. Council Liaison Report** None

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

- Maintenance Plan - Ongoing
- Mural project for the Sports Center Snack Shack
- Progress Report of City Hall project
- Painting of utility boxes similar to the City of Livermore

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Committee Members adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosana Cacao  
Recording Secretary