

**CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES**

PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

- Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
- Date of Meeting:** April 4, 2011
- Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Room, 455E. Calaveras Blvd.
- I. Call to Order:** Vice Chairperson Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Flag Salute:** Vice Chairperson Munzel led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call:** Commissioners Present: Fong, Krommenhock, Munzel, Mathur, Baltazar,
Commissioners Excused: Villalobos, Sharma
Commissioners Absent: Matau
City Staff Present: Aaron Bueno, Parks and Recreation Services Supervisor
- IV. Seating of Alternates:** None
- V. Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda for April 4, 2011.

M/S: Krommenhock/ Mathur Ayes: All
- VI. Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes from March 7, 2010, with said corrections:
Change "Chairperson Munzel" to "Commissioner Munzel" throughout the minutes.

M/S: Krommenhock/ Mathur Ayes: All
- VII. Public Forum:** Ray Serena, Milpitas Parks and Recreation Foundation Chairperson, provided a Foundation update to the Commission. The 2010 Festival of the Trees raised \$10,000, to be used for scholarship funds. The Foundation is working on improvements for next year. The Milpitas Post and Ernst & Young are new sponsors for the event.
- VIII. Announcements and Correspondence:** None
- IX. Unfinished Business:**
- 1. New Main Street Park Concept Discussion (Vice Chairperson Munzel)**
Vice Chairperson Munzel introduced attendee and Milpitas Planning Director James Lindsay. Mr. Lindsay then introduced the park design team of Mark Robson and Jake Lavin of Robson Homes and Zach Davis and John Wong of SWA. The design team attended the meeting to gather feedback for the design drafts. The team will provide three draft designs at the May PRCRC meeting.
Vice Chairperson Munzel opened the dialog to community members in attendance.

Harriet McGuire, Vice President of the Historical Society, expressed her desire for a community museum in the park space. She suggested the old Laguna School to be moved and placed in the park space. She also stated that the Historical Society would maintain and staff the museum.

Resident Jodi Shakar expressed concerns, including loitering, safety issues, and vandalism. She suggested a fenced area that houses a community garden.

Resident Ian Beresford believed the open space is a good idea and would be favorable. He would like the design to maintain the open view of Milpitas' hillside.

Commissioner Baltazar felt that the museum is a good idea, however, no parking would be available for the museum. He also felt that less money spent would be best for the City. He also suggested benches and bathrooms in the park.

Commissioner Krommenhock favored a passive park design. She did not want tot lots, or play grounds. She supported the museum idea, but expressed concern for the cost of moving the Laguna School. She also suggested good park visibility to avoid loitering and lights for safety.

Commissioner Fong supported all previous ideas of the Commissioners. She felt that parking is not an obstacle with the library parking nearby.

Vice Chairperson Munzel expressed support for the museum, an open space, passive park design. He did not want playgrounds, barbecues, horseshoe pits, or athletic facilities.

Vice Chair Munzel then polled the Commission on each feature mentioned, resulting in the following:

- Passive park (no tot lot, ball fields, barbecue pits, etc.): Yes-5 No-0
- Open space with views of the hillside: Yes-5 No-0
- Benches for seating and shade trees Yes-5 No-0
- Museum (Laguna Schoolhouse) Yes-5 No-0
- Pathways for strolling Yes-5 No-0
- Flower garden Yes-4 No-1
- Amphitheatre Yes-1 No-4
- Fence around park Yes-1 No-4
- Retail/residential development Yes-0 No-5

A subcommittee consisting of Chairperson Villalobos and Vice Chairperson Munzel will draft a letter of park recommendations for Commission review and approval at the May 2, 2011 meeting, and forwarded to City Council for review.

2. Park Donation Policy (Chairperson Villalobos)

Due to the excused absence of Chairperson Villalobos, the item will be tabled to the May 2, 2011 PRCRC Meeting.

XI. Staff Reports

Supervisor Bueno announced the following events:

- The Commissioners' Recognition Brunch will be held April 9, 2011, 9:00 a.m. at Dave & Busters Restaurant at the Great Mall.
- Rainbow Theatre's production of "Disney's Aladin" continues performances through Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the Milpitas Community Center Auditorium.
- The Summer Activity Guide is now available. Programs and events held June through August can be found in the guide. Guides can be picked up at Parks & Recreation facilities and on the City's website.
- The Barbara Lee Senior Center will host the "Senior Prom" on Tuesday, April 19, 2:00-3:30 p.m. This event, held in collaboration with the Milpitas High

School Leadership Class, will feature high school students interacting with older adults through conversation and dance lessons. The event will also include light refreshments. The “Senior Prom” is free, but space is limited.

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council: None
2. Community Advisor Commission: None
3. Senior Advisory Commission:
Commissioner Krommenhock reported that meetings are held bi-monthly. Therefore, no current report is available.
4. Planning Commission:
Commissioner Mathur announced that the Commission reviewed a permit request for a foot massage establishment in the Seasons Marketplace and Milpitas Square Shopping Centers. He also reported that the Commission held a public hearing regarding the new residential subdivision, including 83 single family detached homes, on Los Coches Street.
5. Youth Advisory Commission:
Commissioner Fong reported that the YAC is planning the Milpitas’ Got Talent event. It will be held Friday, May 13, 2011, at the Milpitas Community Center Auditorium.
6. Milpitas Historical Society
In Chairperson Villalobos’ absence, Vice Chair Munzel reported that the next Historical Society meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Milpitas Community Library.
7. Arts Commission: None
8. Parks & Recreation Foundation:
Foundation Chairperson Ray Serena provided an update during Public Forum.
9. Santa Clara County Parks & Recreation
Chairperson Munzel reported that he attended a County Park CIP tour on Saturday, March 12, 2011. On April 5, 2011, he will attend a historical building tour.
10. Alviso Adobe Art Project:
Recreation Supervisor Bueno shared that the Request For Proposal for Alviso Adobe Art was released. Submittals will be due May 13, 2011.
11. Park Donation Subcommittee: None
12. Historical Resources Master Plan Subcommittee:
Vice Chair Munzel reported that he, Commissioner Krommenhock, Recreation Supervisor Bueno, and SJSU Intern Harshetha Kumar met to begin updating the Historical Resources Master Plan document. After scanning the document and

converting it into a Word document, the group will meet on April 21, 2011, for editing.

13. Recycling and Source Reduction Advisory Commission

Commissioner Baltazar reported that the Commission discussed single use carry out bags in Milpitas and continued to discuss a potential policy change regarding the use of plastic bags in the City.

XIII. Future Agenda Items:

May- Parks Donation Policy Update
Historical Master Plan review
Main Street Park Recommendation
Recycling Collaboration Effort

XIV. Adjournment:

With no further business, Vice Chair Munzel adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting, held at the Milpitas City Hall Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd, Monday, May 2, 2011.