



MEMORANDUM

City of Milpitas Parks and Recreation Department

To: Honorable Mayor Robert Livengood
City Council Members

From: Renee Lorentzen, Acting Senior Center Supervisor

Through: Bonnie Greiner, Parks and Recreation Department Director

Subject: **Senior Center Entrance Art Nominations**

Date: June 1, 2010

Background

At the May 4, 2010 Milpitas City Council meeting, the Council was presented with four Public Art Piece selections for the interior of the new Milpitas Senior Center. City Council approved the Lobby Fireplace, Lobby Wall and Hallway art pieces as presented.

City Council recommended and approved the Entrance Vestibule’s piece with the following criteria: retain the method and media of the piece as presented and highlight significant Milpitas residents who have impacted the community in the piece, rather than anonymous faces.

Staff informed City Council that the change in subject matter will push back the installation of the Entrance Vestibule art piece to fall 2010. It will take 60 days from the date the artist receives pictures of the approved Milpitas residents to complete the piece.

Staff attended the Rules and Naming Subcommittee meeting on Friday, May 21, 2010 and received their approval to recommend that Milpitas City Council members submit four (4) names each, without duplication, to be incorporated into the Senior Center Entrance Vestibule Public Art Piece. For each name submitted, a recent photo and list of their accomplishments and contributions to Milpitas will need to be made available to staff by either the City of Milpitas or an appropriate outside organization.

It is suggested that chosen persons are represented in the art piece in their senior years, if applicable, so that the subject matter and overall feeling of the piece is relevant to the Senior Center and its members. Nominations may be of significant persons both living and since passed.

The following suggested categories have been provided to assist City Council, if needed, when choosing citizens for nomination:

1. Lifelong Community Leaders
2. Influential Citizens in the formation of Milpitas
3. Founders of Community Organizations
4. Outstanding Elected Officials
5. Groundbreaking “Firsts” of Milpitas

Recommendation

If the Milpitas City Council approves of this method of nomination and is prepared, they may submit their four (4) nominations to staff at the June 15th City Council meeting. If not, staff will return to City Council at the August 3rd meeting to receive the nominations for the Senior Center Entrance Vestibule Public Art Piece.