Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, October 23, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order
The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Butler, McGuire, Ogle, and Rabe
Commissioner Absence Excused: Ettinger
Commissioners Absence Unexcused: Foulk, Hays, and Alternates Tsuei and Asif

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano (7:03 pm)

IV. Seating of Alternates
No alternates were seated.

V. Approval of Agenda
MOTION to move under New Business; item #1 “Phantom Art Gallery Application – Zhu” to after Presentations; “Outstanding Artist Darlene Carman.”
M/S: McGuire/Butler Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the Agenda of September 26, 2006 as amended.
M/S: McGuire/Butler Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes
MOTION to approve minutes from September 26, 2006.
M/S: Ogle/McGuire Ayes: All

MOTION to approve minutes from August 28, 2006.
M/S: Butler/Ogle Ayes: All

VII. Public Forum
None.

VIII. Presentations – Outstanding Artist Darlene Carman
Commissioner McGuire introduced Ms. Darlene Carman to the Commission whose been recognized as the Outstanding Artist recipient. Ms. Carman who’s the “Painting Gourmet,” a weekly show that encourages people to do artwork.

Chairperson Rabe presented the Outstanding Artist Recognition certificate to Ms. Darlene Carman.

XI. New Business

1. Phantom Art Gallery Application - Zhu
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen introduced Ms. Ava Zhu. She’s a 12-year-old Chinese Traditional Water brush Paint artist. She’s
been painting since she was four years old, and immigrated here about two months ago. Currently she attends the Art Club at Rancho Milpitas Middle School.

**MOTION** to approve Ms. Ava Zhu’s artist application and have her artwork exhibit from September 24, 2007 to November 16, 2007.

M/S: McGuire/Butler  Ayes: All

**IX. Announcements/Correspondence**  None.

**X. Old Business**

1. **Work Plan – Chairperson Rabe**

   Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she attended ‘Career Day’ at Rancho Milpitas Middle School and the students expressed interest in writing; creative writing, poetry. She spoke with the Milpitas Library to promote Literary Arts, and to possibly work with the Youth Advisory Commission and the Library Advisory Commission to have a contest for poetry and creative writing. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission if any of them would be interested on working on this event. Chairperson Rabe stated she would be interested and would like to contact Pat Montoya at the poetry-reading meeting.

   Note. Receipt. File.

2. **Arts Day Review – Chairperson Rabe**

   Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Day Milpitas event held on Sunday, October 1, 2006 was a great success. She stated the children were very happy showing her their art.

   Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Day Milpitas event for next year has been scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2007, and it’s been approved by City Council.

   Chairperson Rabe stated one hundred pieces of recycled art would be put in the display cabinet at City Hall on November 1, 2006.

   Community Enrichment Coordinator asked the Commission what would they want to do with the donated books from Borders Books. The Commission could either donate them to ‘Raising a Reader’ program or to the Milpitas Community Center Preschool.

   **MOTION** to donate three of the six books to ‘Raising a Reader’ Program and the other three to the Milpitas Community Center Preschool.

   M/S: McGuire/Ogle  Ayes: All

**XI. New Business**

2. **Sunnyhills Breakfast – Commissioners Rabe/Butler**

   Chairperson Rabe stated the Sunnyhills Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 9, 2007. Commissioner Butler asked the Commission to discuss the breakfast supplies and the program. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission to form a Sunnyhills Breakfast Committee.
Subcommittee to work on the menu and program with the budget of $800.00. She also asked the Commission how many people would be in attendance at the breakfast.

Chairperson Rabe answered 30-40 people. Commissioner Butler stated for the breakfast menu she recommends fresh fruit, coffee, and bagels, juice. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Commission could order cookies with art related symbols to make it special for the breakfast. Commissioner Butler recommends fresh baked bread like bagels and croissants from the bakery on Dixon Road with cream cheese. She doesn’t want to cook the breakfast. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission who would be responsible for:

- Food Chairperson Rabe, Commissioner Butler
- Program Information Commissioner Ogle
- Decorations All Commissioners
- Breakfast Staff Chairperson Rabe, Commissioner McGuire
- Breakfast Presentation Chairperson Rabe

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated to give a brief updated of the Sunnyhills Breakfast at the November 27, 2006 Arts Commission meeting and ask for more volunteers.

Note. Receipt. File.

3. CASP Grant Review - Lorentzen

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission to refer to the attachments; Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program Grant Applications for both “Artist” and “Organization,” and the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program “Change Outline.” She read from the “Change Outline” out loud and for the Commission to ask questions when needed.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen read under ‘Overall Changes,’ section Eligibility: Projects must be held in the City of Milpitas and fit one of the three listed Areas Support; which are: arts education, community arts, cultural experience. She read under section Eligibility: Returning Grantees, after two consecutive grant cycles must: create a new and different program; for example Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Fil-Am has the same thing every year. This would force artistic development.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen read under ‘Overall Changes,’ section Funding: Funding for the Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Program comes from the City of Milpitas; General Fund, and the program annually awards money through a variety of funding categories. Each grant cycle will reserve a portion of monies to be awarded to first time application proposals only. Specifically the ‘portion of monies’ refers to $2,000.00 for first time grantees who meet the criteria.

MOTION to approve the grant and recommend for City Council approval.
M/S: Butler/McGuire Ayes: All

XII. Staff Reports

Upcoming Events:
• “The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe” – October 26-28 – Milpitas Community Center
  Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the play based on the classic book, of the same title, takes place in the world of Narnia. The story of love, faith, courage and giving, with its triumph of good over evil, is a true celebration of life. The performance dates are scheduled from October 26th to 28th here in the auditorium and School performances are from October 23rd to October 24th.

• Veterans Day Ceremony – November 11th – 9am – Veterans Memorial
  Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated on Saturday, November 11th there would be a remembrance memorial to honor local service men and women who have served our country for the cause of freedom. Light refreshments would be served following the ceremony.

XIII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

  Council Member Giordano stated at the October 3, 2006, City Council meeting:
  ▪ Petition from neighbors near Gill Park on Noise concerns.
  ▪ Approved governing policy and operating procedures for Milpitas Community Television.
  ▪ Approved minor entryway signs for City at Montague/Park Victoria, So. Main Street/Montague Expwy, No. Milpitas Blvd/Dixon Landing, and a Branding Strategy Committee.
  ▪ Approved recommendation from the Facilities Naming Subcommittee to request the county to include historically themed elements in the proposed Milpitas Valley Health Center to honor early medical professionals in Milpitas.
  ▪ Approved twelve family childcare assistance fund grant requests.
  ▪ Consideration of an ordinance regarding appointment of Planning Commissioners.

  Council Member Giordano stated at the October 17, 2006, City Council meeting:
  ▪ Appeal of Planning Commission decision to deny dance floor King Crab Restaurant.
  ▪ Approved proposal for commission recognition event.
  ▪ Introduced ordinance-prohibiting amplification of sound at Gill Park.

2. Commissioner CASP Review
   Kaisahan (Commissioner Ogle)
   Commissioner Ogle stated the Kaisahan performance has improved, but did notice that there weren’t other Commissioners in attendance.

5. Senior Advisory Commission
   Chairperson Rabe stated she would try to attend the Senior Advisory Commission meeting scheduled for October 24, 2006.

XIV. Future Agenda Items
   None.
XV. Adjournment

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on November 27, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary