UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, October 27, 2008
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, Auditorium, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order
Chairperson Rabe called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairperson Rabe led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Hays (6:24pm), McGuire, Rabe, Strauss.
Commissioners Excused Absence: Foulk
Commissioner Absent: Tsuei
City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen,
Recording Secretary, Tirzah Cedillo.

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano (6:13pm).

IV. Seating of Alternates
None.

V. Approval of Agenda
MOTION to approve the agenda of October 27, 2008.
M/S: McGuire/Ettinger   Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes
MOTION to approve the minutes of September 22, 2008.
M/S: Hays/Strauss   Ayes: Hays, McGuire, Strauss
Nays: Ettinger, Rabe

VII. Public Forum
None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen announced
Commissioner Strauss is now a full time commissioner, no longer an alternate.
All other Arts Commissioners that their commission term was up has been
extended. Commissioner Dutta has moved to Fremont, and no longer a
commissioner. Commissioner Butler has resigned.

Chairperson Rabe thanked staff for the well-received ‘Spooktacular’ event held
at the Milpitas Sports Center on Saturday, October 25, 2008.

IX. New Business
1. Artists for New Milpitas Library Opening - Staff
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts
Commission was asked to recommend previous Phantom art Gallery Artists to
submit their art for consideration for the new Milpitas Library opening. The
following Artists/Art Organization submitted applications for consideration, and
one would be chosen to exhibit their work for the grand opening on January 10,
2009:

- Kaz Hamano (Photography)
- Julie Nelson-Gal (Mixed Media/Photography)
  Note: Artist was not in attendance.

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• Linda Sieker (Water Color)

The exhibit space at the Milpitas Library is for the smaller wall size of 20-foot wall.

Each artist introduced themselves to the Commission and spoke briefly about their artwork.

The Arts Commissioners voted to have Linda Sieker (water color) as the first artist to showcase her artwork in the New Milpitas Library for the smaller wall size of 20 feet.

County Librarian, Linda Arbaugh

Ms. Kaz Hamano (photography) withdrew her nomination to exhibit her artwork at the New Milpitas Library grand opening stating her artwork is in ‘black and white,’ and didn’t feel it was the ‘right’ choice of art to showcase for the grand opening.

**MOTION** to have the Artist Linda Sieker (Water Color) to be the first artist to exhibit her work at the New Milpitas Library for the smaller wall size of 20 feet for the opening on January 10, 2009 and allow staff to schedule the other two artists for a future Library Exhibit without returning to the Commission.

M/S: McGuire/Hays

Ayes: Hays, McGuire, Rabe, Strauss

Nays: Ettinger

2. Phantom Art Gallery Opening

   *Note. Receipt. File.*

3. Pinewood Park Art in Your Park – Staff/Milpitas Alliance for the Arts

   This agenda item was removed because it belongs on the Public Art Committee October 27, 2008 agenda.

   *Note. Receipt. File.*

X. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

   City Council Liaison, Debbie Giordano stated the construction of the new Milpitas Library is on-time and on-budget.

   Chairperson Rabe stated the new Milpitas Library located at 160 N. Main Street, which is built around the old Milpitas Grammar School, is listed on the National Historic Landmark registry. She asked what responsibility does Santa Clara County have with the new Milpitas Library grand opening. City Council Liaison, Debbie Giordano responded she doesn’t know how this would work, it’s an agreement, a lease with the County. The grand opening is for the City of Milpitas, and the County has been invited.

2. Staff Report

   None.

3. Commissioner MACG Review

   Vice Chairperson Ettinger stated she attended the Bay Area Showcase Chorus. She stated possibly (100) people were in attendance, and it was a great show.
XI. Future Agenda Items

- Commissioner Role in Grant Events.
- Phantom Art Gallery Archives & Calendar.
- Art Juror Speaker.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Foulk adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to the scheduled meeting on November 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary