Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, November 24, 2008
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order
Chairperson Rabe called the Meeting to Order at 6:02 p.m.

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

III. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Rabe, Strauss (6:10pm), and Alternate Santos.

Commissioner Absent: Tsuei

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Recording Secretary, Tirzah Cedillo.

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano.

IV. Seating of Alternates
Alternate Santos was seated for Commissioner Strauss.

V. Approval of Agenda
MOTION to approve the amended agenda of November 24, 2008 moving City Council Reports under Section X. Liaison Reports, Item 1 to before New Business.

M/S: Foulk/Hays Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes
MOTION to approve the minutes of October 27, 2008.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger Ayes: All

VII. Public Forum
None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence
Newly appointed Arts Commission Alternate Tess Santos introduced herself to the commission.

X. Liaison Reports
1. City Council
Council Member Giordano reported items of interest from City Council meetings held in November 2008.

IX. New Business
1. Phantom Art Gallery Application – Vinita Munshani - Staff
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery was created in an effort to provide visual art experiences for the Milpitas Community. The Milpitas Arts Commission reviews artists’ applications, and each approved Artist will display his/her work for up to two months in the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery, and up to four months in the new Milpitas Library.

The Artist, Ms. Vinita Munshani has requested consideration for gallery time at the new Milpitas Library.
The commission reviewed the artwork stating the quality and technique of the artwork presented was not meeting the standard to exhibit at the Library. The commission prefers the artist to have a cohesive show at the Phantom Art Gallery first.

Mayor Jose Esteves sat in the audience to just say, ‘thank you’ to the Arts Commission for choosing the best art for the city.

**MOTION** to have artist Ms. Vinita Munshani exhibit artwork at the new Milpitas Library.

M/S: Foulk/Rabe  
Nays: All

**MOTION** to accept the artist Ms. Vinita Munshani’s application to exhibit her artwork in the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery in 2010.

M/S: Foulk/Hays  
Ayes: Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Rabe, Strauss  
Nays: Ettinger

2. MACG 2009 Calendar of Events and Commissioner Role Discussion

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Milpitas Arts & Culture Grant recipients for the 2009-2010 cycle have confirmed their performance dates. For discussion would be the importance of the commissioner’s role in attending and reviewing grant events.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she would email the commissioner’s calendar of events for their information and to check their calendars.

Chairperson Rabe stated to present a certificate of appreciation to the grant recipients at these grant events and introduce the commissioners for more exposure.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the MACG wants to see the commissioners at the grant events. The commission should incorporate the grant events into the Work Plan at the next meeting. That way City Council would know their presenting a certificate and a commissioner would attend every grant event.

Note. Receipt. File.

3. Phantom Art Gallery Archival

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Commission had expressed interest in creating an archive of Phantom Art Gallery artists and their exhibits to aid them in referrals and special requests.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission what level of archiving would be needed, and suggested to create a subcommittee to complete this task on a regular basis.

Commissioner Hays suggested an electronic version of archival that would be easy to store and printed if needed in hard copy format.

Staff suggested that the Artist be responsible for submitting a photo CD of their exhibit to the City after their gallery is hung.
Staff will incorporate this requirement into the Phantom Art Gallery Application for future applicants.

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4. December 2008 Meeting
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the December 2008 Arts Commission meeting falls on Monday, December 22, 2008, the week of holiday celebrations. She stated typically, Commission meetings falling on Holiday weeks are cancelled due to Commissioner availability.

The Commission unanimously decided to cancel the December 22, 2008 meeting.

MOTION to cancel the Arts Commission meeting scheduled for December 22, 2008.
M/S: McGuire/Hays   Ayes: All

X. Liaison Reports
2. Staff Report
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen invited all Commissioners to attend the ‘Festival of Trees’ fundraising event to help Milpitas families. There will be raffle prizes, beautifully decorated trees sponsored by local businesses, and silent auction. Both Commissioners Hays and Strauss stated they would attend.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen notified the Commission there was a donation of a painting at a City Council meeting. An action would be taken at future Arts Commission meeting. She’s working with the City Attorney’s on updating the Donation Policy.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen invited all Commissioners to help decorate (8) trees on Sunday, November 30, 2008 at 11am inside the City Hall lobby. These trees are to be auctioned off.

3. Commissioner MACG Review
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the next event is scheduled for February 2009.

XI. Future Agenda Items
- Art Juror Speaker Discussion.
- Work Plan – MACG Events.
- Phantom Art Gallery Archival.

XII. Adjournment
There being no further business, Commissioner Foulk adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m. to the scheduled meeting on January 26, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary

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