Minutes: Meeting of the Public Art Committee (PAC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2009
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, Conference Rooms 7/8, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Navarro called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Navarro led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call Committee Members Present: Cherry, Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Navarro, Rabe, Strauss, Voellger, Alternate Santos.
City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Recording Secretary, Tirzah Cedillo.

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano.

IV. Seating of Alternates None.

V. Approval of Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda dated April 27 2009.
M/S: Voellger/Cherry Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes MOTION to approve the amended minutes of March 23, 2009.
M/S: Foulk/Ettinger Ayes: All
Abstain: Navarro

VII. Public Forum None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence None.

IX. Old Business
1. Ongoing Project Updates – Staff Lorentzen
   - Pinewood Art in Your Park “Green Tree” Installation Project
   - Senior Center Art Installation Project
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated for the “Green Tree” project she met with Milpitas Alliance for the Arts and the Artist. The Artist is to meet with the School Principal to work with PG&E to monitor a gas pipe found underground.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated for the Senior Center art installation project approximately (50) RFP (Request for Proposal) packets requesting both the artist background and their art ideas were sent out. The due date for the proposals is July 1st, 2009.

Note. Receipt. File.

X. New Business
1. VTA Presentation of Milpitas BART Station Platform Art – VTA
VTA (Valley Transportation Authority) returned to the Public Art Committee with the Artist Amy Trachtenberg to show her concepts for the new Milpitas BART Station platform art (700 ft. long platform space).
The BART Station platform artist, Amy Trachtenberg of San Francisco presented the Committee with a very early concept of the design process. She stated there would be (5) free standing columns standing on either side of the platform. The columns would be very colorful, styled tiles, an introduction of glazed metallic tiles, integrated circuits/chips that are maintenance free, and history ribbons reflecting the community history. She would be working with the architect to animate the space to break up the space in unexpected ways.

Commissioner Foulk asked what the artist is contracted for exactly. Ms. Trachtenberg responded the bulk of the budget would be for the (10) columns, but also will help with the texture style on the walls. Columns would be treated like sculptures (columns are 35 ft apart).

The Milpitas BART Station would be completed in 2015-2016.

MOTION to accept the concept presentation by the Milpitas BART Platform Artist Amy Trachtenberg.
M/S:  Hays/Foulk  Ayes:  All

2. South Main Street Artist Designed Shelter Discussion – Staff Lorentzen
The Public Art Committee discussed an art project at the South Main Street transit/bus shelter. The bus shelter is City owned, operated and maintained. The Committee decided to individually visit the shelter to help generate ideas for enhancement.

Committee Member Hays stated she likes the stained glass idea for art because you can see the colors change. Committee Member Rabe stated she visited the bus shelter and below the curved roof there was a 6-7 inch wide panel made of composition plastic, grey in color. She feels the City of Milpitas brand/logo could be put on that panel and embellished. It could be recreated in acrylic. Chairperson Navarro agreed with the stained glass idea. She stated maybe the Committee could use the Milpitas High School art students to create art.

Committee Member Rabe stated the object is to create art in Milpitas to bring people to the city. The Mustang car could be replicated in fiberglass and have artists’ sponsored and then resale the art pieces. The Milpitas Ford Plant made Milpitas famous with the Mustang car.

Both Committee Members Cherry/Hays will have budget numbers for the bus shelter provided at the next meeting.

The Public Art Committee decided to work on the enhancement of the first bus shelter located on South Main Street as a group, not with a subcommittee.

MOTION to move forward with the first bus shelter located at South Main Street.
M/S:  Hays/Foulk  Ayes:  All

XI. Future Agenda Items
- Cartwheel Kids – City Hall
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she’s working with the artist, Carla Moss on moving the sculpture that was approved by City Council to the new Milpitas Library location in the grassy area for $15,000.00. Also, she’s emailed several Commissions to meet about putting in a new art piece to replace the Cartwheel Kids sculpture.
- Mustang Cars – Milpitas Ford Plant (Rabe)
- Bricks Fundraiser for park bench (McGuire)
XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Committee Members Hays, Strauss, Ettinger adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary