UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, September 26, 2011
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order
Chairperson McGuire called the Meeting to Order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Phantom Art Gallery Opening
None.

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairperson McGuire led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Roll Call
Commissioners Present: Anthony, Foulk, Gupta, Hays, McGuire, Phan, and Strauss
Commissioners Excused: Commissioner Santos
Commissioners Absent: Alternate Gill
City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Renee Lorentzen, Recording Secretary Lisa Ciardella
City Council Liaison Excused: Council Member Giordano

V. Seating of Alternates
Alternate Phan was seated for Commissioner Santos.

VI. Approval of Agenda MOTION to approve the agenda of September 26, 2011 as submitted.
M/S: Foulk/Hays Ayes: All

VII. Approval of Minutes MOTION to approve the minutes of July 25, 2011 as submitted.
M/S: Foulk/Strauss Ayes: All Abstain: Hays

VIII. Public Forum
None.

IX. Announcements/Correspondence
- Ms. Lorentzen stated to the Commissioner’s that if their term is expiring and they wish to continue, to please send an e-mail to the Mayor and the City Clerk.
- Howl at the Moon will be held on October 28, 2011 from 6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M. at the Civic Center Plaza. The Milpitas Community Concert Band will be performing at 7:30 P.M.
- The Veteran’s Day Ceremony will be held on November 11, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.
- The 24th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on 12/1/11 at 7:00 P.M.

X. Old Business
1. Arts Outreach Calendar Update
   Training will be held on the Arts Outreach Calendar at the November 28, 2011 Arts Commission Meeting. Commissioner Anthony reported that all Commissioners have access to the calendar and have been posting to it.
Commissioner Strauss stated that she attended the San Khau Viet Cali grant event in August. She said she presented their certificate of appreciation and that the event was well attended.

2. Artist of the Year Award Update

Ms. Lorentzen distributed the criteria and application for Artist of the Year. She stated that the information is available on the City website, will be distributed to the Art and Culture grant groups, Phantom Art Gallery artists and will be sent to the media. The deadline for nominations is November 14, 2011.

XI. New Business

1. Special Memorial or Veterans Phantom Art Gallery

In conjunction with the City of Milpitas’ Memorial Day Ceremony, staff is proposing a special Phantom Art Gallery Exhibit in May 2012 featuring art work from local veterans. Diana Mihalakis made a presentation of her work. She also works with patients at the Veterans Hospital who use art to treat their Post Traumatic Stress. She volunteers at the VA hospital and has ongoing classes there. She would like to see all Veterans honored, not just Milpitas residents.

She also has a piece of her own work that she is willing to lend for a display for an extended period of time. She is willing to put it on loan to the City or as part of the Phantom Art Gallery display.

MOTION to host a Veteran Phantom Art Gallery Exhibit in May 2012 and to incorporate Ms. Mihalakis’ art for display, as well as her own exhibits in the Phantom Art Gallery.

M/S: Hays/Foulk  Ayes: All

2. Phantom Art Gallery Application Review

The Arts Commission juries art for two Phantom Art Gallery sites at the Community Center and the Library.

Ms. Lorentzen stated there is one artist, Hema Sukumar, to be reviewed tonight. The artist brought a sampling of her art pieces that she would like to display.

The artist showed her artwork to the Commission for their review, and said a few words about herself personally and professionally.

MOTION to approve Hema Sukumar to display her artwork in the Phantom Art Gallery.

M/S: Hays/Struass  Ayes: All  Abstain: McGuire

XII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council  None.

2. Staff Report  The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 28, 2011 and a quorum is needed to review the Artist of the Year nominations.

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XIII. Future Agenda Items

- Google Calendar
- Artist of the Year

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting on November 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Ciardella
Recording Secretary