

APPROVED MINUTES
PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Public Art Committee (PAC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, July 24, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Conference Room 7/8

I. Call to Order The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:22 p.m.

II. Phantom Art Gallery Opening

The Committee hosted a reception for the Phantom Art Gallery Exhibit named "Stained Glass Paper" by Mrs. Darlene Kleinke.

III. Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Foulk led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, Lawson, Ogle, Moss, Voellger, Butler

Commissioners Absent: Cherry, McGuire, Rabe and Alternate Tsuei

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor Kathleen Yurchak, Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

City Council Liaison Absent: Council Member Giordano

V. Seating of Alternates No Alternates were seated.

VI. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of July 24, 2006.

M/S: Voellger/Ogle

Ayes: All

VII. Approval of Minutes Committee Member Lawson asked that the Minutes from May 22, 2006, be Amended, as she did not abstain from the approval of the March 27, 2006, Minutes. She voted to approve the Minutes.

MOTION to approve the Minutes of May 22, 2006, as Amended.

M/S: Ettinger/Hays

Ayes: All

VIII. Citizens Forum

Amy Inn
813 Piper Ave.
Sunnyvale, CA 94087

Ms. Inn introduced herself to the Committee in representing Yeh Fei Peh, Celestial Horse Painter. She explained that Yeh Fei Peh is an Art Master of his splash ink style of painting. He is a Cultural Ambassador with his art being versatile as it represents both ancient and modern art. Ms. Inn stated that she had met with Supervisor Yurchak on the process in which PAC would be recruiting and utilizing artists for Public Art in the City of Milpitas and requested that Yeh Fei Peh be put on their Artist List for future consideration.

The Committee responded that his work was impressive and that they would definitely have him put on their Artist List for future public art projects.

IX. Announcements/Correspondence

Committee Member Ettinger announced a Fire Fighter Fundraiser on July 28, 2006, at Outback Restaurant in Milpitas for injured Fireman, Sean Simonson. Interested Committee Members should see her after the meeting for more information.

X. New Business

1. Master Plan Subcommittee Update - Subcommittee

Supervisor Yurchak referred the Committee to their packet stating that they are to review and approve the final draft of the Public Art Committee's Manual, as it will be sent to City Council for final approval.

Committee Member Lawson asked if the Committee wanted to indicate on page 4, which months the Committee meets as it currently indicates only "bi-monthly." Supervisor Yurchak stated that the Committee would have to change their by-laws, which would need separate approval from City Council. Committee Member Moss stated that by not stating the actual months it protects the Committee if their meeting months change. Committee Member Lawson agreed.

Committee Member Moss asked if the Committee wanted to indicate on page 9, that not only individual artists, but also artist teams may be selected. Supervisor Yurchak responded that they could specify artist teams or single artists in the RFQ for specific projects. Committee Member Moss agreed.

MOTION to approve the final draft of the Public Art Committee Manual.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger Ayes: All

2. Implementation Timeline – Kathleen Yurchak

Supervisor Yurchak explained to the Committee that the Public Art Committee Implementation Timeline is planned for what ideally will be happening for their first project. The Timeline follows the process in the PAC Manual. Supervisor Yurchak reviewed the Timeline with the Committee, focusing on the Library Project, as the PAC's involvement in the art piece to be placed in front of the building will be a project with a very quick turnaround, needing to meet with the architects in September and RFQ's to be sent out in November.

Chairperson Foulk asked if the Committee would be able to discuss what they are looking for as far as the Library art goes before the RFQ goes out. Supervisor Yurchak answered yes, the Committee would be able to include that in the RFQ. Committee Member Voellger stated that during his work with the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts, they used a professional recruiter, Sylvia White, who has lists of artists that the RFQ's can be sent to, generating a larger response. The recruiter is paid for their services.

Supervisor Yurchak said that the timeline gives the Committee a good starting and ending point for their first project. The timeline will change and adjust due to the needs of individual projects and progress.

MOTION to approve the Public Art Committee Implementation Timeline.

M/S: Hays/Moss Ayes: All

XI. New Business

1. Review Proposed Updates to the City of Milpitas Art Donation Policy – Kathleen Yurchak

Supervisor Yurchak referred the Committee to their agenda packet for the Art Donation Policy. This Policy was created a few years ago, under the Arts Commission. The current draft has the changes suggested by the Master Plan Subcommittee. The major changes tailor the Policy to the PAC. Committee Member Voellger asked if this policy would allow the Committee to deny donations. Supervisor Yurchak stated that yes, the donation and the donator's stipulations about where the art should be, etc., may not fall in line with the Master Plan or may not work with the Public Art Committee's goals. Chairperson Foulk said that the Committee could always reject a donation with recommendation to City Council.

MOTION to approve the draft Art Donation Policy.

M/S: Moss/Hays

Ayes: All

2. Review the Proposed Locations for Public Art for the Public Art Master Plan – Kathleen Yurchak

Supervisor Yurchak stated that the proposed list of locations for Public Art in Milpitas stems from a meeting with the Engineering and Parks Departments staff. In researching possible locations, it was asked whether because monies allocated to public art come from Redevelopment Agency (RDA) funds, can public art only be placed on the RDA areas. Staff is currently waiting for clarification from the Finance Director, Emma Karlen. The list consists of City properties and eligible RDA project sites. The PAC Master Plan Subcommittee reviewed this list and recommended the following sites for their 1-3 year plan.

1. Outer entry of Library
2. Screens/Panels of inside the Library
3. Pinewood Park
4. Directional Signage throughout the City

Committee Member Voellger asked if the new senior housing project and Terrace Gardens retirement community were potential locations. Committee Member Moss answered that she believed that the land Terrace Gardens is built on City property. Supervisor Yurchak stated that she would have to check on what is City and what is Terrace Gardens.

Chairperson Foulk said that he would like to see a bronze statue of the Minute Man in front of City Hall and wanted to know why this project wasn't listed. Committee Member Voellger answered that the subcommittee picked Pinewood Park as the next project after the Library because it would be a smaller project after the larger Library project. There are neighbors of the Pinewood Park already interested and willing to assist in the project as well. He went on to say that the Committee does not yet know the costs of projects or how much the Library Project will cost and may have to do a smaller project with a smaller budget.

Supervisor Yurchak referred the Committee to the Funding 2006-07 chart and explained that the projects listed and their Project budget is what the 1.5% will be applied to, but reminded the Committee that the 1.5% formula is applied to monies spent, not the actual project budget. Their balance for the 2006-07 cycle will be accurately reflected by January of 2007. Chairperson Foulk stated that the Committee should wait until January 2007 to see what their budget is and

then decide on their project list. He went on to say that to have the Minute Man as a piece of public art has always been his goal and that there is no piece of art in front of City Hall. The Committee reminded the Chair of the recently installed art "Cartwheels" is in front of City Hall. Committee Member Hays said that the idea of the Minute Man is okay but that the Committee may want to look at other possibilities for projects. Supervisor Yurchak said that should the Committee choose to put a Minute Man in front of City Hall they would need to move "Cartwheels". The cost to move, clean, re-install, etc., would come out of the Public Art Fund.

Committee Member Ettinger stated that the Library project is big and that it may take up the entire budget. Supervisor Yurchak reminded the Committee that the Committee is supposed to fundraise and solicit donations for Public Art. Committee Member Voellger suggested the Committee work with the Library and the Friends of Milpitas Library to raise funds. Chairperson Foulk asked that City Hall be placed on the Site List as #5.

MOTION to approve the Public Art Site List to include City Hall as site #5.
M/S: Ettinger/Moss Ayes: All

3. Review of List of Projects Eligible for the Art Policy Funding and Receive Art Fund Update – Kathleen Yurchak

Chairperson Foulk said that the list of funding doesn't provide a projected total for 2006-07. Supervisor Yurchak said that she could provide an update on their budget at their November meeting.

Note. Receipt. File.

XII. Staff/Commission Reports and Discussion Items

Supervisor Yurchak said that a list of upcoming Recreation Events is listed on the Agenda for the Committee's pleasure. Not listed is Rainbow Theatre's "Wizard of Oz", opening July 28th.

XIII. Future Agenda Items

None

XII. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 26, 2006.

M/S: Voellger/Hays Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lorentzen
Community Enrichment Coordinator