

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, August 28, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Conference Room

I. Call to Order The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Ogle, Rabe, and Alternate #1 Tsuei, Alternate #2 Asif

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano (7:10)

IV. Seating of Alternates No alternates were seated.

V. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to amend item #2 under New Business; “Phantom Art Gallery Schedule” the listing of artists and their Gallery Exhibit Opening dates attachment stated Golden Hills Art Association gallery opening date was September 25, 2006. It’s been amended to September 26, 2006.

M/S: Foulk/Ogle Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the Agenda of August 28, 2006 as amended.

M/S: Foulk/Ogle Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2006.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

VII. Public Forum Mr. Gary Cerezo, 1702 Blue Spruce Way, Milpitas announced he is running for City Council and came that evening to get an idea of how Commission meetings are run and be present for the Outstanding Artist Recognition of Mr. Frank Torres.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

Chairperson Rabe introduced the new Commission Member Asiya Asif to the Arts Commission, and asked her to say a few words. Commissioner Asif stated she is a full time mom of four children. She previously worked at the Milpitas Community Center Preschool as a Preschool Instructor for six years. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she’s looking forward to working with Commissioner Asif.

IX. Presentation

Chairperson Rabe stated this is the first presentation of our award, Outstanding Artist Recognition for an artist that has done something outstanding in our community. Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Commission wanted to recognize Mr. Frank Torres this evening for sharing his talent and his wonderful mural at the Elmwood Correctional Facility. Mr. Frank Torres the Outstanding Artist Recognition certificate holder introduced his nieces Victoria and Sabrina Torres and his son Frank Torres Jr. to the Arts Commission.

Mr. Torres stated while incarcerated at Elmwood Correctional Facility, Lt. Hank, 2nd in command had seen his drawing of Hurricane Katrina that he had completed in pencil the size of 12"x22". The Community viewed his drawing of Hurricane Katrina in his jail cell. A week later, Lt. Hank asked if he would do a mural five officers doing training poses of a cell search. To do this requested task, Lt. Hank changed Mr. Torres's security clearance from medium custody to minimum custody.

Mr. Torres stated the mural of eighty feet of hallway at the Elmwood Correctional Facility included scenes of the site back in '1920' when it was a homeless shelter. Where the homeless would grow vegetables and fruit. Other scenes include Elm trees, a Chapel and the thirteen Bay Area County badges. Mr. Torres stated painting the Bay Area County badges was a memorial for the Police Servicemen who have died in the line of duty. He also shared that the cell search scene meant so much to him because his own father died in a cell search. Mr. Torres's father was incarcerated and a Correctional Officer conducting a cell search hit his father over the head causing him to past away.

Mr. Torres stated he draws from his heart, and was very proud of his mural.

Chairperson Rabe presented the Outstanding Artist Recognition certificate to Mr. Frank Torres. The certificate reads: The Milpitas Arts Commission wishes to commend you for your service to the Community through your visual art creation. Your outstanding Community contribution and sharing your artistic talents has enriched the lives of the Citizens of Milpitas. Chairperson Rabe stated please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your service to the community and congratulate you on being an outstanding artist in the City of Milpitas. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen took a picture of the moment.

The Commission stopped the meeting proceedings for ten minutes to meet with Mr. Torres and his family.

X. Old Business

1. Work Plan – Chairperson Rabe

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Engage community groups, youth organizations and churches to promote sharing of cultural ideas and increase awareness of art and culture	Sunnyhills Breakfast

Chairperson Rabe stated, 'yes' the Sunnyhills Breakfast is for community outreach. It is not a fundraiser. The Arts Commission has to determine the menu, introduce the Commission and what we do for the community. Also, people in attendance could make a donation. The monies would not go to the Arts Commission it would go to Sunnyhills.

Commissioner Butler stated in January 2007 she would schedule the ‘Sunnyhills Breakfast.’

Chairperson Rabe asked to agendaize for the October Arts Commission meeting appointing liaisons for the Work Plan.

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Nurture collaborations between the Library and art groups for Literary Art Events	Collaborate with the LAC and the YAC to hold a poetry contest or short story contest

Chairperson Rabe asked the Arts Commission if anyone would be interested in being assigned to this goal? No one responded. Chairperson Rabe stated to bring this back on the next agenda.

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Work with Sister Cities Commission to develop new arts and cultural programs and expand participation in Cultural Exchange	TBD

Chairperson Rabe stated she needs to re-do the display at the Library with Sister Cities gifts. The display was last done for the Celebration of Milpitas. Chairperson Rabe stated this task would have to be a volunteer program. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated to contact Cindy Maxwell, Staff Liaison for the Sister Cities Commission. Also, a delegation has either just come or will be coming to the City of Milpitas soon.

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Setup Student/Senior mentor program, i.e. reading, crafts, etc.	Work with the YAC and Terrace Gardens to implement program

Chairperson Rabe stated the Commission does not have anyone assigned for the Student/Senior mentor program. Would anyone be interested? Vice Chair Vogle asked for an outline of what’s involved because she doesn’t want to volunteer for something she doesn’t know about. Chairperson Rabe stated she doesn’t know all the details, but it’s a program of mentoring between Seniors and Students.

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Fundraising Event	Host Fundraiser for the Arts in Milpitas

Chairperson Rabe stated we also have opportunities for the Commission to serve on the Fundraising Event, CASP grants.

Note. Receipt. File.

XI. New Business

1. Cultural Arts Support Program 2006-07 Grant Review – Lorentzen

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated at the August 1, 2006 City Council meeting, City Council reviewed the eight recommended grants, and then directed the Arts Commission to review an additional two grants which had been submitted to Staff, but did not meet the grant

requirements. City Council asked the CASP Subcommittee to reconsider these two grants because there were monies remaining in the CASP fund. The CASP Subcommittee re-reviewed the two grants and recommends:

Calaveras Repertory Theatre

In Kind Services: none (not requested)

Monetary funding: \$1,920 (Production Costs)

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In Kind Services: All

Monetary Funding: \$700 (Security, Marketing)

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the grants total \$2,620, and your recommendation would go to the September 19, 2006 City Council meeting.

Chairperson Rabe stated City Council has advised the Arts Commission to use the monies that they allocated for grants.

MOTION to approved the CASP Subcommittee's recommendations for the Cultural Arts Support Program Grant 2006-07 funding cycle for \$2,620.00 to be sent to City Council for final approval.

M/S: Hays/Foulk

Ayes: All

2. Phantom Art Gallery Schedule -Lorentzen

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated, as the Arts Commission knows the meetings have been moved to every other month. The Phantom Art Gallery openings weren't always coinciding with the Arts Commission meetings. The Gallery openings were rescheduled to coincide with the Arts Commission meetings. One Phantom Art Gallery opening has been scheduled for December 11, 2006. The Arts Commission does not have a regular scheduled meeting on December 11th, but I have emailed all Commission Members for availability.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated for now your gallery openings will only be on Arts Commission meeting nights. Also to add, the last Public Art Committee meeting that does hold a Phantom Art Gallery opening was scheduled for September 25, 2006, but is now scheduled for September 26, 2006. This gallery opening would need to remain with the Public Art Committee meeting date for the month of September. Commissioner McGuire stated she would notify Golden Hills Art Association of the new date of September 26, 2006.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Phantom Art Gallery is a success because we're now booked out one year in advance.

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3. Arts Day – Chairperson Rabe

Chairperson Rabe stated the month of October is traditionally when the Arts Day event has been held and celebrated nationally. Chairperson Rabe stated Staff has reserved the facility on Sunday, October 1, 2006 should the Commission choose to proceed with the event. Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Commission would have a \$2,000.00 budget to do the event and would

need to work with various organizations like: Camera Club, Golden Hills Art Association and anyone else who would be willing to work on this program to present art.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated should the Commission choose to hold the Arts Day event the following steps would be necessary:

- a. Confirmation of Arts Day funding would be as of 9/19/06.
- b. Form an Arts Day Subcommittee.
- c. Arts Day Subcommittee would need to meet with the Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen immediately to discuss:
 - Entertainment
 - Supplies
 - Preparation
 - Marketing
 - Artists

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated a real dedication from the Arts Commission would be necessary for the preparation of the event and the day of the event.

Council Member Giordano stated she doesn't feel it would be a problem to get the Arts Day funding. Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Day event would be held inside the Milpitas Community Center and funding should be sufficient enough to hold the event. Chairperson Rabe stated she would like to have a room reserved for the children to watch the movie Milpitas Monster. Council Member Giordano added that the movie Milpitas Monster is very historical. Chairperson Rabe stated she would like the Camera Club to provide more children activities for the event. Council Member Giordano asked how would the Commission advertise? Commissioner Foulk responded in the past there were Arts Day flyers created. We could use the same flyer, change the date, and distribute to local schools.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated the main concern should not be marketing for the Arts Day event. The participation of the Arts Commission should be key. Otherwise the Arts Day event would not work. Arts Day is your event as an Arts Commission event.

Commissioner Foulk stated he would work on the Arts Day flyers and have distributed the flyers to local schools within two weeks.

Chairperson Rabe asked would the use of volunteers for the Arts Day event be possible? Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen responded, 'yes.'

Chairperson Rabe asked who could help with preparation: Commissioners Ettinger, Foulk and Butler. All three Commissioners would not be available to attend the day of the event.

Commissioner Tsuei asked for clarification of arts for kids. Does it mean visual arts or is it all arts? Chairperson Rabe stated she doesn't know that status of that right now. Maybe we could have music section, like using the Milpitas High School Band. Commissioner Tsuei stated maybe-getting drums they're very popular.

Commissioner Tsuei stated Mr. Frank Torres should come in and lead the children in an art piece. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated hands on art like mosaic tile, finger painting, henna, performing arts like storytelling, music are ideas. Commissioner Asif stated she could do the henna art. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Commission would need to form a Subcommittee and see who can be in attendance for two to three hours for the event day.

Chairperson Rabe stated the Golden Hills Art Association, Alliance for the Arts, Camera Club would come out to help with the Arts Day event.

Chairperson Rabe stated face painting, balloon art are activities that we could hire five to ten vendors with the allocated budget. The Arts Commission could also use our assets of teachers to help and people could donate items for use. The Arts Commission needs to come up with creative art things.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission to raise their hands for who can assist for the Arts Day event (11am-2pm). Chairperson Rabe and Commissioners Asif, McGuire, Ogle, and possibly available Commissioner Tsuei raised their hands in response.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated people would need to be assigned to stations, information table, and need to do an activity depending on volunteers. Commissioner Tsuei asked for a list of duties. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she has information from the last four years of the event.

Chairperson Rabe stated she would need to rely on people otherwise we cannot have the event. Council Member Giordano stated we need a week to reach out to different groups like Kiwanis, Rainbow Theatre, and Alliance for the Arts, and by next week we can meet to see who can commit and volunteer.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Commission would need to form a Subcommittee and then if there's enough interest, report back to the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Ettinger stated two months ago she asked Larry Voellger of the Camera Club and he said he would volunteer for ribbons and a poster contest.

Commissioner Foulk stated to form the Subcommittee and give them the authority to make the final decision.

Council Member Giordano stated for everyone to throw out their ideas and give the information back to Chairperson Rabe and count the booths and people to see if the Arts Day event will take place. Chairperson Rabe asked Commissioner Asif if she had a special talent to share at the Arts Day event? Commissioner Asif responded she does henna art and she would be available on the day of the event. Commissioner Tsuei stated he would check his schedule and get back to Chairperson Rabe to see if he would be available. Commissioner Butler stated she could help organize the event, but would not be available on the day of the event. Commissioner Foulk stated he would distribute the flyers to schools. Vice Chairperson Ogle stated she would contact the Camera Club and Mr. Joe Santoro. Commissioner McGuire stated she would contact Darlene Carman the 'vegetable painter,' Jody Carr for face painting and caricatures. Commissioner Hays stated if she would be able to attend the event she could do face painting, pottery-hand builders.

Commissioner Tsuei suggested digital arts using a printer, computer and a digital camera. The child would be blind folded and have them take random pictures.

Council Member Giordano stated the Milpitas Unified School District, the Alliance for the Arts, and Staff would need to be together to make the event work.

Vice Chairperson Ogle stated when her children were small she would have the game, 'pin the horns on the dragon.' This is the same as 'pin the tail on the donkey.' She would like to work on creating a dragon art piece for one of the art activities.

Commissioner Hays asked if someone would bring a grill for hot dogs? Chairperson Rabe stated to skip food, but let's see if something works out.

Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Day flyers should be distributed two weeks before the event and looking forward to receiving call from all the Commissioner Members with all the new information.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated it would be a hassle to have food. If the Commission chooses to have food check with Albertson's or Nob Hill to donate ice cream, juice boxes, ice for the event.

MOTION to form an Arts Day Subcommittee that would meet on September 26, 2006 at 6:00 pm at the Community Center for the Arts Day event plan.
M/S: Foulk/Ettinger Ayes: All

4. Review a Nomination for Recognition of Outstanding Artists – Commissioner McGuire

Commissioner McGuire stated she has nominated Darlene Carman known as the 'vegetable painter' who has been recognized for her video, 'painting gourmet' to encourage artists to show their paintings and to get people involved in the arts. Ms. Carman doesn't live in Milpitas, but she has received grants from City of Milpitas.

Commissioner McGuire would certainly invite Ms. Carman to the Arts Day event.

Commissioner McGuire stated she would recommend that the Arts Commission give her the award like we did Mr. Frank Torres tonight.

Chairperson Rabe stated Ms. Carman would be presented with the Recognition of Outstanding Artist certificate at the October 23, 2006 Arts Commission meeting. She would also write and send a letter to Ms. Carman inviting her to the meeting.

MOTION to accept the Nomination for Recognition of Outstanding Artist to Darlene Carman.
M/S: Ettinger/Foulk Ayes: All

5. Fundraising – Lorentzen

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission if they would like to do another fundraising event like Tea in the Trees? Or, possibly collaborate with another non-profit group? The Commission would need to plan fundraising events for the year 2007.

Commissioner McGuire stated the Arts Commission needs to do some type of fundraising event, but not Tea in the Trees. The Tea in the Trees event was too much work. As a Commission we need to keep up our presence in the community.

Commissioner Ettinger stated whatever fundraising event the Commission chooses, it should be scheduled for the year 2007.

Chairperson Rabe asked the Commission who would want to be on the Fundraising Subcommittee? No response.

Chairperson Rabe stated to add the Fundraising Subcommittee duties to the Arts Day Subcommittee. The Arts Day Subcommittee will provide all ideas to both Chairperson Rabe and the Arts Commission.

Note. Receipt. File.

XII. Staff Reports

Upcoming Events:

- **September 11th Remembrance Memorial – Monday, September 11th – 9 am – Civic Center Amphitheater**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated on Monday, September 11th there would be a remembrance memorial in honor of the thousands of people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. There will be a Fireman's Bell and walk through of the Flag Garden made up of 2,996 American flags, in memory of those whose lives were taken that day.

- **Auditions “The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe” – September 6 & 7 - 3:30 pm-5:30 pm - Milpitas Community Center**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated auditions would be held for youth ages 8-18 years. Youth should come prepared to read from a provided script. Participation fees are due at the audition.

- **CASP Event – Kaisahan of San Jose Dance Co., Inc. – Saturday, October 14th – 2 pm – Milpitas Community Center**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated this is the last CASP (Cultural Arts Support Program) Event for fiscal year 2005-2006 funding cycle.

XIII. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Giordano stated at the August 1, 2006, City Council meeting:

- Approved a New Solid Waste Rate Adding a Pilot Commercial Food

Waste Program.

- Approved the 2005-2010 Redevelopment Implementation Plan.
- Approved eight Cultural Arts support program grants.
- City Council direction/recommendation on Citizens Emergency.
- Preparedness Advisory Commission is for a new ordinance-requiring automatic gas shut-offs on residences.
- Received Library Governance Study and confirmed City's membership in Santa Clara County Library System and joint powers authority.

Council Member Giordano stated at the August 15, 2006, City Council meeting:

- Appeal of Planning Commission decision to deny use permit amendment; for a dance floor at King Crab Restaurant.
- Review general plan denial for zone change for Fairfield Project.
- Approved lobbyist registration forms per Open Government Subcommittee.
- City Council endorsed Proposition IE (Flood Prevention) and Proposition 84 (Water Bond).
- Approved funding for United Way New 2-1-1 Service.

2. Commissioner CASP Review & Commissioner CASP Sign Up Sheet

- Bay Area Showcase Chorus 8/19/06
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated she attended the event and it was great.

3. Grants

Commissioner Ettinger stated no new information to report to the Commission.

10. Sister Cities Commission

Chairperson Rabe stated she would keep trying to reach the Sister Cities Commission.

12. MUSD

Commissioner Foulk stated today, August 28, 2006 is the first day of school with 10,000 children in attendance.

XIV. Future Agenda Items

Chairperson Rabe asked to have agenda items for the next Arts Commission on October 23, 2006:

1. Work Plan Liaison appointments
2. Special Arts Day Subcommittee meeting on September 26th

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary