

UNAPPROVED MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)
Date of Meeting: Monday, May 18, 2009
Place of Meeting: Milpitas Community Center, Preschool Rooms 2/3, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd.

I. Call to Order Chairperson Ettinger called the Meeting to Order at 6:01 p.m.

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

III. Roll Call Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Foulk, Hays (6:05pm), McGuire, Rabe, Alternate Santos.

Commissioner Excused Absence: Strauss.

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

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano (6:03pm).

IV. Seating of Alternates Alternate Santos seated for Commissioner Hays.

V. Approval of Agenda **MOTION** to approve the agenda of May 18, 2009.
M/S: McGuire/Rabe Ayes: All

VI. Approval of Minutes **MOTION** to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009.
M/S: Foulk/Rabe Ayes: All

VII. Public Forum None.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

- MACG Grant Funding Update
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated part of the City's 09.10 budget will affect the Commission's annual grant. If approved the grant budget will be reduced to \$7,500.00.
- Use of Shapell spheres for chalk art event
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen she communicated with Shapell and they want to work with the City for an Earth Day Chalk Art event next year. The spheres on Calaveras Blvd. would be available to professional artists to put quality art on the spheres on Calaveras Blvd. in an earth day theme.
- The Milpitas Camera Club is to hold a Sixth Annual Visual Art Exhibit combining art and photography featuring the Golden Hills Art Association from June 5th-June 12, 2009 at the Milpitas City Hall lobby and rotunda.

IX. New Business

1. Great Mall Phantom Art Gallery Exhibit Applicant Review – Staff Lorentzen

The Arts Commission agreed to jury art for a Phantom Art Gallery site located at the Great Mall in Milpitas. The exhibit would feature several artists of varying medium and subject matter. Each artist to be reviewed has applied for the Great Mall exhibit. The artists work will be shown from June 11-September 11, 2009.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated there are (9) artists to be reviewed tonight. Each artist has brought their art pieces that they would like to display at the Great Mall site. Each approved artist will work with the consultant hired by the Great Mall to work out all details of hanging the work.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked for each artist to email her the dimensions of their artwork not including the frame. Also, the artists were asked to provide a brief statement about them to be printed in a marketing brochure.

The artists all showed their artwork to the commission for their review, and said a few words about themselves personally and professionally.

MOTION to approve the artist Ritu Bansal to exhibit the oil and acrylic artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Rabe/Foulk Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Anuradha Raja Balasubramanian to exhibit the oil and acrylic artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Hays/Foulk Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Christina Renee Brunk to exhibit her black and white photography at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Foulk/Rabe Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Manli Chao to exhibit the mixed media on canvas artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Hays/Rabe Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Avi Deshmukh to exhibit his oil on canvas artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Dimitry Grudsky to exhibit his pastel artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Hays/Foulk Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Kiet Tran to exhibit the scenic photography artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Rabe/Hays Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Hooshang Yashar to exhibit the oil artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

MOTION to approve the artist Ava Zhu to exhibit her artwork at the new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Great Mall.

M/S: Rabe/Santos Ayes: All

Commissioner Foulk asked the commission to consider another new Phantom Art Gallery site at the Milpitas Unified School District office, 1331 E. Calaveras Blvd. where one wall in the Board Room could be dedicated to the art gallery. This item would be added to a future meeting agenda.

2. Phantom Art Gallery Application Review– Staff Lorentzen

The Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery was created to provide visual art experiences for the Milpitas Community. Artists submit an official Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery application, which is then reviewed by the Arts Commission. Approved artists would display their artwork for up to (2) months in the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery.

The artist Jerry Epps showed his artwork to the commission for their review, and said a few words about him personally and professionally.

MOTION to approve the artist Jerry Epps to exhibit his oil paintings at the Milpitas Library, 2nd floor space.

M/S: Hays/Foulk Ayes: All

3. Then and Now Local Art Leaders Board – Commissioner Rabe

Commissioner Rabe stated she would report on this item at the July 2009 commission meeting.

4. Commission Workshop Date – Staff Lorentzen

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Commission voted to schedule a Workshop for the Commissioners to determine goals and projects to work on in the next year.

The Commissioners tentatively decided to hold the Workshop at the Milpitas Community Center on Saturday, June 27th, 2009. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen will send an email confirmation to all Commissioners to confirm.

X. MACG Grant Certificate Calendar

- Fancy Dancers, May 30th, 2009
Both Commissioners Rabe/Hays would attend the event.
- Milpitas Camera Club, June 5th, 2009
Vice Chairperson McGuire would attend the event.
- Fil Am, June 13th, 2009
Alternate Santos would attend the event.

Note. Receipt. File.

XI. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Council Member Giordano gave an update on City Council meetings held May 2009.

2. Staff Report

None.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- Arts Day in October 2009 – Grant Money Request
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she checked with Felix Reliford, Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Manager and he stated

the Arts Commission event is not eligible for CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) to fund the Arts Day event.

- New Phantom Art Gallery Site – MUSD Board Room
- Earth Day in April 2010 – Chalk Art

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioners Hays/Santos adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. to the scheduled meeting on July 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Tirzah Cedillo
Recording Secretary