

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
June 4, 2008

**I.
Call to Order
and Roll Call**

Chair Queenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Choudhury, Lind, Mohsin, and Villegas
Alternates present were Commissioners Chen, and Madnawat
Absent: Commissioners Abelardo, Fang, Meharu and Pham

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Madnawat and Chen

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mohsin, Villegas

Ayes: 7

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 7, 2008.

M/S: Lind, Choudhury

Ayes: 7

**VI.
Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**VII.
Public Forum**

Chair Queenan invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

**VIII.
Liaison Reports**

City Council

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. She stated the City Council approved the final adoption of the budget. The Council approved the Transit Area Specific Plan. There were a number of speakers who spoke about having an area designated for a school site within the Transit Area. The Council also put in wording for a grocery store. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) was approved. There was a discussion about a plan for paving of streets. There were a couple of high school students who discussed the CDBG funds and wanted the City to give more money to the Milpitas Food Pantry for homeless people.

**IX.
Old Business**

a. Neighborhood Night Out.

Neighborhood Night Out will be held Thursday, August 7, 2008. Chair Queenan asked for volunteers to go to other Commission meetings to speak about the Neighborhood Night Out. A sign up sheet was given to the Commission.

**X.
New Business**

a. Neighborhood Watch Program.

The Commission requested a report on the Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer Visico gave a brief overview of the Neighborhood Watch Program. Currently in the City of Milpitas there are 81 Neighborhood Watch Programs.

Commissioner Lind asked how big of an area does it cover. Officer Visico stated that it is a small area about 10 houses per block. The residents are asked to call PD for follow-up meetings.

Chair Queenan asked out of the 81 programs how many are active. Officer Visico said there are about ½ those numbers that are active. Officer Visico also stated that in mid June he will be sending out emails to the block captains about the Neighborhood Night Out.

Commissioner Mohsin asked how many people participated in Neighborhood Night Out last year. Officer Visico stated there were 19 participates last year and 24 the previous year.

Staff asked if the Commission is requesting that Officer Visico provide the CAC with a list of all the Watch block captains so that the Commission can contact them. Staff asked Officer Visico if he can do. Officer Visico stated that he could not give out personal information. He could give out the names and he would check to see what information he can give out. Councilmember Polanski suggested that Officer Visico give the Watch block captains Chair Queenan's information to do a follow-up on the Watch program.

b. Town Hall Meeting Planning.

Staff stated the CAC Work Plan provides this opportunity to begin planning for a Town Hall Meeting to be held after the November 2008 election. The Commission may wish to begin the planning process by identifying the purpose and intent of a Town Hall meeting. Staff is recommending that the CAC discuss and clarify the purpose of the Town Hall meeting, and, if appropriate, continue the planning discussion at the next CAC meeting.

Commissioner Lind stated that the last Town Hall meeting there wasn't enough participation and thought that having it during an election year more people would participate. She thought having it at the Community Center was a good format.

Staff asked the Commission what was the purpose or what did they want to accomplish by having a Town Hall meeting. Commissioner Lind stated that what their expectations is to get the community to give feedback on what they like or dislike about Milpitas.

Commissioner Mohsin stated he feels that the Town Hall meeting gives opportune time between the citizen and City official to listen to the citizen's complaints, ideas, or questions and respond to the citizen. Staff asked Commissioner Mohsin if he wanted to have an open forum for questions, complaints, and comments. Councilmember Polanski asked if the CAC was talking about having the City Council up in front to answer

questions, she is not sure the Council would do that. Commissioner Mohsin said having the City Manager, the Fire Chief, and the Chief of Police at the meeting would be the key people.

Commissioner Lind felt that it wouldn't be hard to put up a format; you could put it in the Post or send letters. Her main concern is that there might not be enough participation. She feels not enough people would come out of their homes in January during the cold winter.

Chair Queenan asked if the CAC should continue this item to the next meeting or feel that there is a consensus not to have a Town Hall meeting.

Councilmember Polanski suggested maybe having the Town Hall meeting with CEPAC. CEPAC is trying to get the word out to the public about emergency preparedness and new ordinances. See if there is a way to combine both meetings together.

c. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.

1. Community Outreach (Mohsin, Queenan)
There were no new responses.
2. Neighborhood Beautification Awards (Abelardo, Chen, Mohsin)
There was no new update.

XI.

Adjournment

Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. to the August 6, 2008 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary