

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
May 06, 2009

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Queenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Vice Chair Fang and Commissioners Choudhury, Lind, Madnawat, and Mohsin. Alternate Commissions present were Chen, Nguyen (7:05), and Manassau. Commissioner Meharu had an excused absence. Absent was Commissioner Villegas.
- II. Seating of Alternates** Alternates seated: Chen and Manassau.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda** MOTION to approve the Agenda.

M/S: Mohsin / Fang Ayes: 8
- V. Approval of Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes as amended:

Commissioner Lind – under CDBG section, would like to remove the statement regarding some Commissioners being comfortable with the staff recommendations, since there was much discussion after and the final recommendations did not match the staff’s recommendations. Also, some of the recommendations have cents that do not add to a whole dollar.

M/S: Queenan / Mohsin Ayes: 8
- VI. Announcements** Felix Reliford announced that the Draft Housing Element public review period is May 6th through May 20th; the documents are available online, in the City Hall lobby, and the at Library.

Commissioner Mohsin stated that he woke up early in the morning (4:10 am) to put out his garbage and recycling when he noticed people taking items from his neighbors recycling bins, put the items in their car and drive away. Commissioner Mohsin asked staff to email the Police Chief and request additional patrols.
- 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 Althea Polanski mentioned:

1. People do take the recycling and the Police Department is aware of the issue, but if you see it happening call the Police.
2. City Council reviewed the CDBG funding recommendations and made a few changes: funding for City of Milpitas – Recreation Assistance Program was decreased, the Filipino Youth Coalition was not funded, and funded the Santa Clara Family Health Foundation - Healthy Kids Program; City Council is unsure if the guidelines for the CDBG Recovery Act funds have been received, but they await those recommendations.
 - a. Felix Reliford stated that the guidelines have been received and staff is reviewing them to make recommendations.
3. A Jamba Juice flyer was passed out, on behalf of the PRCRC, present the flyer and 20% of your purchase will benefit the Parks & Recreation Foundation.
4. City Council passed a 9% increase to the Sewer and Utilities rates, which will be effective this summer; City Council passed the approval for 6 electronic freeway signs, 3 for McCarthy & 3 for Piercey Toyota, they will maintain the sell advertising and maintain the signs; the City receives a percent of the profits from the ads sold.
 - a. Commissioner Manassau asked what the regulations are on billboards; he didn't think they were allowed, but there is one on Milpitas Blvd for Milpitas Materials. Councilmember Polanski isn't positive what the regulations are, but will ask staff to research it.
5. City Council changed the Sister Cities Commission By-Laws to not require a Commissioner live within the City limits and allow a Commissioner to live within the sphere of influence.
6. City Council also removed two Commissioners, but replacements have not been recommended by the Mayor.
7. CDBG is a complicated process and staff should place a 30 minute workshop on every February Agenda to make sure all Commissioners understand the process and their role.

IX. New Business

A. Heritage Tree Nominations

Chair Queenan asked the Commissioners if anyone had any new trees or groves they'd like to recommend to the City Council for heritage designation. No Commissioners had any trees and/or groves to recommend.

B. Neighborhood Night Out

Chair Queenan received a phone call from Officer Jackson asking if he would be willing to host a block party again this year; he said yes.

Commissioner Mohsin spoke with Officer Jackson regarding the Neighborhood Night Out, he also hosts a block party every year, and the Police Department would like to have at least 30 block parties this year. The Police Department is trying to start the planning process earlier to have a greater turn out and better coverage.

Commissioner Lind is willing to attend Commission meetings, but she'd like to have a handful of flyers to hand out at the meeting.

Commissioner Mohsin asked Officer Jackson to send him the flyer when it is ready to distribute to the Commissions.

Chair Queenan mentioned that he is willing to attend other Commission's meetings to invite them to participate, but he would request staff send the flyer via email to all of the Commissioners and follow-up with reminder emails as the event approaches.

The Commissioners all chose meetings to attend to invite the other Commissions.

C. Neighborhood Beautification Awards

The Chair requested volunteers and selected Commissioners Mohsin, Chen and Madnawat to serve on the Neighborhood Beautification Awards (NBO) subcommittee.

D. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

The Commission recognized that the complaints in the Outreach Form were valid, but not within the parameters of this Commission. Chair Queenan requested staff call the gentleman, suggest the appropriate agencies to contact, and provide the contact information.

MOTION to amend the Shopping Cart Policy for June and have Gloria make a presentation.

M/S: Mohsin / Lind

Ayes: 8

XI. Adjournment Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to the June 03, 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Barbey, Recording Secretary