

characteristic would complement Chair Beard's passion for the Commission. Commissioner Holland seconded the nomination; Commissioner Batilo accepted the nomination. Chair asked for other nominations; none received. Commissioner Rosario closed nomination seconded by Commissioner Andres.

Motion: to close the floor for nominations with only Commissioner Batilo nominated for the Vice Chair position.

Motion/Second: Rosario/Andres

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 9

Absent: 4 (Mohsin, Maglalang, Wong, Do)

B. Introduction of the City-wide Strategic Planning Process – Staff Reliford introduced Dr. Spano to the commission. Professor Spano gave an overview about his consulting group. He mentioned that he has been speaking at various commissions meeting to gather information from City commissioners what their vision is for Milpitas going forward. Discussion ensued between the Commissioners, staff and Dr. Spano. Some commissioners are worried about losing small-town community feel and others would like community events like Arbor Day be brought back.

C. Street Sweeping Information – Staff Reliford introduced Leslie Stobbe. Leslie gave a brief powerpoint presentation about street sweeping. It was mentioned that there is a citation process for vehicles owners who do not move their cars during street sweeping however it is not enforced. She reiterated that the street sweeping truck would not be able to pick up leaves piled high on the street that some homeowners leave behind. After a quick question/answer portion, Chair thanked Stobbe for the presentation and expressed regret that Commissioner Maglalang, who asked to put this on the agenda, could not make it at tonight's meeting. This item might be placed on the agenda some other time for a more in-depth presentation. Batilo asked for a map of street sweeping service days. Leslie will work with IS on putting it up on the website.

Felix Reliford asked Chair if we could move Item XI – Tree-Planting Program discussion before item X-D the CAC Workplan because staff Steve Machida is here, on behalf of Jeff Moneda who is at the Planning Commission, to answer any question that may rise from the Commission.

Motion: to hear Tree-Planting Program item before 2014 CAC Workplan discussion.

Motion/Second: Lind/Leon

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 9

Absent: 4 (Mohsin, Maglalang, Wong, Do)

XI. Unfinished Business:

A. Tree Planting 2014 – FR updated the commission as to where the subcommittee and staff are. Commission voted to bring forward to City Council a \$10,000 budget request for the Tree Program. Staff met with the City Manager and can not come up with any funding source for recommendation to City Council. Staff will present to City Council on its January 21 meeting the acceptance of the Tree Planting Program with the 100 trees grant from the CA Urban Forest Council. Cardoza Park is not big enough to accommodate all 100 trees so another location, Murphy Park, was chosen by Public Works staff. There will be 50 trees planted on Feb 15, 2014 in each park.

Chair Beard recollected that looking at the original proposal, plan is to look at the budget for planting trees on City borders. We should also look at the McCarthy Ranch trail in hope to plant trees on it. Staff commented that it is not City-owned property meaning we have to ask for more approvals from other government entities. Commissioner Truong asked if trees are not going to be planted on the City borders at all. Chair Beard responded that staff and commission are still focused on planting trees on borders. Commissioner Leon asked if the

planting trees in the park are a grant requirement; Chair Beard replied yes. Commissioner Leon asked can we plant 50 grant trees on City borders. More discussion about asking Council for \$10,000 and Mr. Reliford responded that it's not that simple asking Council for \$10,000 especially with the on-going maintenance costs that should be looked at and presented to the Council. Commissioner Holland commended everyone for all their effort with the tree Planting Program and reminded everyone that the goal for now is to plant 100 trees and that part of the grant is to have 100 volunteers.

Steve Machida addressed the commission and stated that City would like to support the commission with the tree planting program but the biggest struggle is maintaining the trees. The first hundred trees are manageable but it will become problematic when trees are added on a regular basis. He mentioned that it costs at least \$500/tree in maintenance costs for every 5 years.

Chair Beard wanted to reassure the Commission that we are not scrapping the original plan of planting trees around City borders. Vice Chair Batilo said that we should focus on the Feb 15th event right now. Commissioner Lind asked staff if Murphy Park was built for soccer games or not. Mr. Reliford said no. Commissioner Leon wants to keep the original tree planting program plan and suggested to present it in a couple of phases. Have the plan in placed so that when the economy gets better it's easier to pitch the program to possible donors/sponsors. He strongly suggests for the commission not to table the planting on City borders; Chair re-assured the entire Commission that it will not be tabled.

Felix Reliford reminded everyone that we still need volunteers and donations; perhaps to look at locations with already-built irrigation, and 126 trees are already to kick-start the program. That is 100 grant trees, 24 trees from the APEX project, and one tree that will be planted on Jan 26th Family Day event as part of the 60th anniversary of the city.

Chair asked everyone to focus on the Feb 15th event. Commissioners worked on their assignment for the 2/15 event from 9am to 1pm. Commissioner Truong left at 9:09pm.

XII. Adjournment – Commissioner Andres moved, and Commissioner Holland seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 pm to February 5, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
