

MEETING MINUTES

MILPITAS COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION Milpitas City Hall – Committee Conference Room Wednesday, April 2, 2014

- I. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. **Roll Call** - Present: Chair Beard, Vice Chair Batilo, Commissioners Leon, Maglalang, Mohsin, Rosario, Truong

Alternate Commissioners Present: Kathapurkar

Absent: Andres, Manassau, Holland, Do, Sharma, Councilmember Gomez
- III. **Seating of Alternates** – No Alternate Commissioners seated for voting
- IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Leon motioned, and Vice Chair Batilo seconded, for approval of the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of March 5, 2014** – Commissioner Maglalang made a motion to approve the minutes with a revision adding his request to prepare a 2014-15 budget and submit it to City Council for approval, and Commissioner Truong seconded the motion. Commissioner Mohsin stated that the request to prepare a budget was included on the last page of the previous minutes.
- VI. **Public Forum** – No items
- VII. **Announcements** – Felix Reliford, Principal Housing Planner, announced that at the City Council meeting the previous evening, the City Council took action and assigned Commissioner Truong as a seated member (from Alternate #1), Holland was moved from Alternate #2 to Alternate #1, Do was moved from Alternate #3 to #2, Ashish Kathapurkar was named the new Alternate #3 and Ashok Sharma the new Alternate #4.
- VIII. **Liaison Report** – Councilmember Gomez was not present.
- IX. **Commissioners' Round Table** – Alternate #3 Kathapurkar said that he participated in the City's recent tree planting event which motivated him to join the commission so that he can help make the city a better place to live. Commissioners and staff members gave a quick introduction. Vice Chair Batilo invited everyone to a free lunch at Alviso Adobe Park on April 4th and asked that guests bring canned goods to be donated to the Milpitas Food Pantry. She said the Milpitas Executive Lions Club has adopted the park and there will also be a park cleanup event before and after the lunch. Commissioner Maglalang mentioned drought season and asked that we add an item to the next agenda to discuss ways to store storm drain or rain water to use for watering trees or supplying water for fire hydrants which may lessen the cost of water consumption. Commissioner Mohsin asked about holding a townhall meeting and Chair Bear said that it was decided a couple of meetings prior that the commission was not going to have one but instead decided to focus their energy on tree plantings and the Make a Difference Day. Vice Chair Batilo said the item was removed from the workplan and that the Make a Difference Day will be held on Sunday October 26th at the Milpitas Community Center.
- X. **New Business:**

A. Standard for City Park Bench

Mr. Reliford asked that this item be continued to the next meeting as Public Works staff was not present. Commissioner Leon made a motion to continue this item to the next agenda and Vice Chair Batilo seconded the motion.

B. Long-Term Trash Load Reduction Plan and Street Sweeping

Leslie Stobbe, Public Information Specialist from the Department of Public Works, gave a short presentation and description of this item. She said that whenever she says trash load she is really referring to litter and illegal dumping and that the City is under stringent requirements to reduce the trash loads by 40% by this July. She believes that Milpitas will meet that goal but added that Milpitas does not have any product bans in place (i.e. no single use bag ban, no poly styrene ban etc.) but the other cities in Santa Clara County all have a bag ban and five or six of them also have a poly styrene ban. The Regional Water Quality Control Board have said that for the 40% mark they will incorporate cities that are providing a good faith effort and certainly Milpitas is doing that.

Ms. Stobbe described five problem areas that produce a lot of trash which staff will concentrate on cleaning up but said the City needs to find ways to address litter and illegal dumping. There are multiple control measures and street sweeping is one measure that keeps debris and trash from entering waterways.

During the discussion, Carl Mennie, Republic Services District Manager, discussed the street sweeping program.

Commissioner Maglalang discussed street sweeping, showed photos of cars parked on streets when the signage said parking was not allowed, and recommended better street signage on existing posts and citations for illegally parked cars.

Commissioner Maglalang motioned, and Commissioner Rosario seconded, to recommend to City Council the implementation of enforced street sweeping along major arterial streets with nearby residential areas. This motion did not pass.

Commissioner Truong motioned, and Vice Chair Batilo seconded, a recommendation to staff to complete research and then return to the CAC. The motion passed.

C. Discussion on Tree Planting Event – Jerry Arnold Park

Chair Beard discussed the April 5th tree planting event to plant the remaining 12-15 trees that were donated by Apex Development/Lyon Communities. Since the last meeting she received a \$20 Lucky gift card, \$50 Safeway gift card and \$55 in cash donations.

Mr. Reliford said that he has 20-30 bottles of water left over from the tree planting and has been in contact with the project manager who will provide coffee, juice and pastries. He explained that due to the size of the trees (15 gallon boxes) the holes will be dug and the trees already in the holes.

Chair Beard said the commission should start planning the next tree planting event. She said they will need money and if anyone can provide grant information she will complete it or the commission can ask the City of Milpitas for money for trees, and the commission needs to identify a location that already has irrigation and maintenance.

Vice Chair Batilo said that she has spoken with Our City Forest and they believe there are city approved funds with them for trees and Chair Beard asked that this item be on the next agenda. She also asked that Ed Mosqueda come to the next meeting to give an update on the 100 previously planted trees.

Commissioner Maglalang asked Mr. Reliford about the City's budget schedule and his desire to create a budget to see if Council will give the commission money and Mr. Reliford recommended asking the City for money on a project basis, especially if a project is subsidized with a grant. The majority of the commissioners agreed.

D. Discussion on Friendly Village Estates Mobilehome Park Spring Clean-Up Event

The Friendly Village Estates Mobilehome Parks Spring Clean-Up event is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014. Flyers have been posted throughout the park and a copy of the work service request form for park residents was sent out by the Park Manager. Chair Beard said this clean-up is done in conjunction with Milpitas Cares and volunteers help complete service requests such as light maintenance, pick up of trash and pulling weeds. Mr. Reliford said that the commission should discuss assignments and donations.

Chair Beard suggested finding a place at the mobilehome park where they can plant a tree and requested a golf cart to drive due to the size of the mobilehome park.

XI. Unfinished Business – No items

XII. Adjournment – Commissioner Mohsin moved, and Vice Chair Batilo seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm to the next meeting of May 7, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.