I. Roll Call: Joselito Abelardo, Reena Choudhury, Danny Fang, Jenifer Lind, Syed Mohsin, Chinedu Nwobi, Michael Queenan, and Nelson Villegas
Alternates: Nika Chen, Rajeev Madnawat, Viramrider Meharu, and Heidi Pham

II. Seating of Alternates:

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Minutes: February 6, 2008

VI. Announcements:

VII. Public Forum:

Players of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers are asked to supply their name and address for the record. Each person wishing to speak on an item before the CAC at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once for a maximum of three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Liaison Reports
A. City Council Report  Councilmember Polanski

IX. New Business

A. Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Applications for FY 2008-09.

The Commission will conduct the annual review of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposals for FY 2008-09. The CDBG applications booklet and staff’s funding recommendations were forwarded to the Commission for their review on February 8, 2008. The City received a total of 19 eligible applications. The CAC is reviewing 15 applications in public services and 4 in non-public services. It is anticipated that the City of Milpitas CDBG Grant for FY 2008-09 will be $599,777. As provided by federal regulations, 20% or $119,955 of the total grant will be used for General Program Administration.

Per federal regulations, a total of 15% of the grant or $89,966 is available to fund Public Services. 65% of the grant or $389,856 is available to fund Non-Public Services. A schedule of presentations is included in the Commission’s agenda packets.
On November 6, 2007, the City Council adopted the two-year (2009-11) funding priorities as guidelines to assist the CAC in evaluating the grant applications. For the public service category, the following priorities were established, in order of preference:

1. Senior Services
2. Youth Teen Services
3. Homeless Sheltering / Services
4. Child Care
5. Battered Women Sheltering / Services

For the non-public service applications, the following priorities were approved:

1. Home Repair / Rehabilitation
2. Affordable Housing
3. Rental Apartment Rehabilitation

As recommended by the CAC, the City Council, on November 6, 2007, also reaffirmed two established funding policies relating to the CDBG Program:

- 25% of all Public Service funds must be spent within the City of Milpitas. Based on the CDBG Program allocation for public services ($89,966), 25% of these funds are $21,491.

- Increased the allocation from $15,000 to $25,000 for Fair Housing Services. Traditionally, $15,000 has been allocated from CDBG Program Administration; the balance of $10,000 will come from the Redevelopment Agency 20% Low-Income Housing Set-Aside Funds.

The CAC recommendations for CDBG funding for FY 2008-09 will be forwarded to the City Council on April 15, 2008.

Recommendation:

1. Hear each of the applicants
   a. Three minutes for presentations
   b. Two minutes for questions from the Commission
2. Open the Public Hearing
3. Close the Public Hearing
4. Discuss and recommend to the City Council the CDBG funding allocations for FY 2008-09.
B. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

Community Outreach (Queenan)

X. Adjournment to April 2, 2008

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