I. Roll Call: Joselito Abelardo, Reena Choudhury, Danny Fang, Jenifer Lind, Rajeev Madnawat, Viramrinder Meharu, Syed Mohsin, Michael Queenan, and Nelson Villegas
Alternates: Nika Chen, William Manassau, Phong Nguyen, and Bella Sangalang

II. Seating of Alternates:

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

IV. Approval of Agenda:

V. Approval of Minutes: February 04, 2009

VI. Announcements:

VII. Public Forum:

Members 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

City Council Report Councilmember Polanski

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

A. Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Applications for FY 2009-10.

The Commission will conduct the annual review of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proposals for FY 2009-10. The CDBG applications booklet and staff’s funding recommendations were forwarded to the Commission for their review on February 9, 2009. The City received a total of 22 eligible applications. The CAC is reviewing 17 applications in public services and 5 in non-public services. It is anticipated
that the City of Milpitas CDBG Grant for FY 2009-10 will be $579,000. As provided by federal regulations, 20% or $115,800 of the total grant will be used for General Program Administration.

Per federal regulations, a total of 15% of the grant or $86,850 is available to fund Public Services. 65% of the grant or $376,350 plus $7,925 of unspent prior year fund for a total of $384,275 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 ($86,850), 25% of these funds are $21,712.

- 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.

Staff is recommending 10,000 from CDBG and $15,000 from RDA 20% set aside housing fund for Fair Housing Services.

Staff has learned that The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (“The Stimulus Bill”) signed by President Obama last month provides for “One Billion” of additional CDBG funds. Per our HUD representative, it’s not known as to how much the Cities will receive and when. Staff suggests that the Commission include in their recommendation which agencies should be funded should additional funding become available.

The CAC recommendations for CDBG funding for FY 2009-10 will be forwarded to the City Council on April 21, 2009.
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 2009-10.

B. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

   None

XI. Adjournment to April 01, 2009

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