I. Call to Order
Chair Queenan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Chen, Lind, Madnawat, Mohsin, and Villegas
Alternate Commissioner present: Nguyen
Vice-Chair Fang, Commissioners Choudhury, Fong, Manassau and Meharu were excused

II. Seating of Alternates
Alternate seated: None

III. Pledge of Allegiance
Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda
MOTION to approve the Agenda.
M/S: Mohsin / Ayes: 6

V. Approval of Minutes
MOTION to approve the minutes of September 2, 2009 as submitted.
M/S: Lind / Mohsin Ayes: 6

VI. Announcements
Chair Queenan will not be attending the next meeting.
Felix Reliford will not be attending the next meeting, Gloria Anaya will seat for him.
Councilmember Polanski participated in the San Jose Rock’n’Roll Half Marathon on October 5th by walking the 13.1 miles and received a medal for completing the entire walk.

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
Councilmember Althea Polanski mentioned:

1. From the October 6th Council Meeting: The Council received a Presentation by Dave Hyams from Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (CMA) on the I-680 Express Lane Construction. A 14 mile HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) Express Lane is under construction I-680 southbound from Highway 84 to Highway 237 due to be completed by August 2010. There will be (3) specific entry and exit points, overhead electronic signs and FasTrak electronic toll collection system. Cars with two or more persons and motorcycles can use the Express Lane as well as solo FasTrak users. The toll for the FasTrak users will be based on real-time traffic levels to ensure traffic in the lane continues to flow at 55MPH. There are no toll booths, tolls are posted on
the overhead electronic signs and charges are made electronically from the FasTrak tag. There will be Public Outreach to fully explain the system.

2. A proclamation was received by the Fire Department to acknowledge Fire Safety Week which is October 5th thru 10th; firefighters have reminded us to replace the batteries in our smoke detectors at Daylight Savings which is November 1st.

3. The new Senior Center project is on track to open next summer. Councilmember Polanski took a hard hat tour of the facility which is fully framed. The furniture and fixture budget of $450,000 was approved, well under the proposed budget of $800,000.

4. The Library Donor Board was approved (lists names of donors).

5. A Preliminary Plan for the Area Proposed to be added to the Milpitas Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 by the Proposed Thirteenth Amendment. This is an area including Calaveras, Park Victoria, and Selwyn.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

A. Neighborhood Beautification Appreciation – 2009 Annual Awards Program
Zulema Maggi, Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, gave a presentation showing the winning and honorable mention properties for 2009. The Commissioners were pleased with the progress made at beautifying Milpitas and approved the list of winners.

M/S: Mohsin / Madnawat Ayes: 6

B. Heritage Tree Nominations
Bring back more information for November 4, 2009 Meeting

C. Arbor Day
Bring back more information for November 4, 2009 Meeting

D. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports
None

XI. Adjournment
Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to the November 4, 2009 meeting.

M/S: Mohsin/Villegas Ayes: 6

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Casagrande, Recording Secretary

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