

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
January 3, 2007

**I.
Call to Order
and Roll Call**

Chair Abelardo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Lee, Lind, Queenan, Ranker, and Villegas
Alternates present were Commissioners Choudhury, Nwobi, and Meharu
Absent: Commissioners Fang, Luna, Mohsin, and Pham

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Choudhury, Nwobi, and Meharu

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Commissioner Villegas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Lind, Ranker

Ayes: 9

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of November 1, 2006.

M/S: Lind, Lee

Ayes: 9

**VI.
Announcements**

Staff stated that at the November meeting it was suggested that Gloria Anaya, Sr. Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, train the new members on the CDBG process. Gloria will be at the February 7, 2007 CAC meeting at 6:15 pm to train the new members.

**VII.
Public Forum**

Chair Abelardo invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

**VIII.
Liaison Reports**

a. City Council

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. She stated Mayor Esteves was re-elected for a 3rd term, Councilmember Gomez and herself were re-elected for a 2nd 4-year term on the City Council. Councilmember Livengood was appointed to Vice-Mayor. Commissioner Azevedo was re-appointed to the Planning Commission. Gurdev Sandhu was appointed to the Planning Commission. There was a decision at the December 5, 2006 City Council meeting to close the City's pre-school, however, the new City Manager, Tom Williams, who was officially appointed on December 19, 2006, worked

with the Parks and Recreation staff to find a way to keep the pre-school open to try to work out some solutions to see if there's a way to work out a budget for next year. The pre-school will stay open with some fee adjustments. The new "Welcome to Milpitas" banners will be installed during the week of January 8, 2007. There will be a welcome banner installed at the San Jose Airport. There will be a dedication at 6:00 pm at the airport. On December 19, 2006, the Council dedicated Earthlink wireless system in the City of Milpitas. It is free until January 17, 2007. There was a recommendation from the Open Government subcommittee that the subcommittee of the City Council continue permanently in lieu of a citizen committee; the second reading will be at the January 16, 2007 meeting. The City Council postponed the appeal of the owners of Jerry's Market until January 16, 2007.

IX.

New Business

a. CAC 2007 Work Plan.

Chair Abelardo identified the following list of ongoing tasks and short-term goals based on the approved 2006 Work Plan.

Annual Recurring Tasks

1. Heritage tree nominations (January, May, October)
2. CDBG public hearing process (March)
3. Participate in Arbor Day – NBO booth and Tree City USA designation (April), Global Village, and 4th of July parade (July)
4. National Night Out (August)
5. Neighborhood Beautification Awards (September)
6. Tree trimming (November)
7. Work session for annual work plan (December)

Short-term Goals/Projects (prioritized)

1. Tree Planting – Promote tree planting through outreach and tree protection awareness
2. Town Hall Meeting – Conduct a Town Hall Meeting in the Fall of election years
3. Outreach Program – Conduct an outreach program to the citizens of Milpitas to obtain feedback on community issues
4. Volunteerism Program – Conduct a program to encourage Milpitas citizens to volunteer
5. Cleanup of Blighted Areas – Determine blighted areas in Milpitas and encourage their redevelopment or conduct a program similar to the "Adopt A Highway" program
6. Expand the Neighborhood Watch Program – Work with City staff to expand the Neighborhood Watch Program

Commissioner Lind stated that the purpose of this item is to see if these are still the items that the Commission wanted to continue with. Chair Abelardo agreed. Councilmember Polanski stated that the reason Chair Abelardo was mentioning these items were for the benefit of the new members.

MOTION to approve the 2007 Work Plan as listed above to be forwarded to City Council.

M/S: Ranker, Lind

Ayes: 9

b. Heritage Tree Nominations.

Chair Abelardo asked the Commission if there was any tree or groves of trees the CAC wanted to nominate. There were no nominations.

c. Election of Officers.

Commissioner Lind nominated Vice-Chair Lee as Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

M/S: Lind, Queenan

Ayes: 9

Commissioner Villegas nominated Commissioner Queenan as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations.

M/S: Villegas, Nwobi

Ayes: 9

d. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.

Community Outreach (Lee and Queenan)

Staff stated that they received one response from a person that resides in a Mobilehome. Chair Lee asked staff if the thank you letter was sent to the person who responded. Staff will send a thank you letter.

Vice-Chair Queenan asked if the resident is concerned that the City is going to condemn the property for City use. Councilmember Polanski stated this area is in the Mid-Town Specific Plan and the proposed Transit Area Specific Plan that the City is moving forward on for the long-term vision of the City. Staff stated that the Mid-Town Specific Plan designated the east side of South Main Street south of Great Mall but north of Montague as very high density residential back in 2002 and what is going to happen is that the whole south main corridor is going to be redevelopment in the next 2 to 3 years. Several of the properties are being acquired by a group of developers that plan to develop condominiums in that area. Councilmember Polanski stated that Jim Dutton is the contact person to go to with concerns with Mobilehome parks.

Programs for Those with Disabilities (Lee, Lind and Pham)

Commissioner Lind stated that the subcommittee is waiting for Bonnie Greiner, Recreation Director, to provide them with an update on her outreach program to determine community desires with regard to new and or additional recreational programs. Staff stated it would not be a report solely on programs for those with disabilities because the City is doing a general outreach for whatever the recreation program the citizens are interested in including those with disabilities. Ms. Greiner is not certain when people are going to respond so she may not get any responses for a while and her report might be delayed until such time that she might have something to tell the Commission. Commissioner Lind stated that per the minutes it is noted that she is to give a report back in February even if it is a letter stating that she has not yet received any responses.

**X.
Adjournment**

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. to the February 7, 2007 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

