

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
June 6, 2007

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

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Choudhury (7:06 pm), Fang, Lind, Mohsin, Queenan, Ranker, and Villegas
Alternates present were Commissioners Nwobi, Pham (7:06 pm), and Meharu
Absent: Commissioner Abelardo

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Nwobi, Meharu

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Commissioner Ranker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mohsin, Ranker

Ayes: 9

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of May 2, 2007.

M/S: Ranker, Mohsin

Ayes: 9

**VI.
Announcements**

Staff stated that the Public Arts Commission is looking for recipes for a recipe book that the Commission is using for a fundraiser. There will be an item in the August agenda regarding CDBG funds. The NBO Awards subcommittee will be selected at the August meeting. There will be no meeting in July.

**VII.
Public Forum**

Chair Lee 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 the Council approved August 9th as National Night Out. She announced National Night Out at the CEPAC meeting. The Council approved the budget for FY 07/08 and the CIP budget. There was a first reading of an ordinance that CEPAC had recommended for seismic shut off valves for new houses that are being built. The deadline for the applications for in-house City Attorney is Friday, June 8, 2007.

**IX.
Unfinished Business**

a. Receive Presentation on Tree Program.

Rhonda Berry, CEO of Our City Forest, gave a presentation about the benefits on tree planting in the community. Our City Forest is in partnership with the City of Milpitas. The City received a grant from the State to plant 500 trees and Our City Forest helped facilitate the planting of the 500 trees. They are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Their mission is not to plant trees their mission is to engage in teaching the community in caring for trees. She stated that they have a healthy tree care program for trees 10 years and younger. Many of the educational programs they have are beneficial to private property owners on what and how to care for trees on their own properties. There were 100 trees planted at the San Jose International Airport last year.

Commissioner Queenan asked which cities have been the most successful in educating the community. Ms. Berry stated that the best city involvement is San Jose and the most challenging city is Campbell. Their organization is a local non-profit not state wide.

Commissioner Mohsin asked if any research or investigation has been done on why people have been removing trees from their properties. Ms. Berry stated that many homes have been remodeled and the trees are in the way.

Chair Lee stated that not only did Our City Forest teach people on caring for the trees they also united neighborhoods.

b. Review Status of National Night Out.

Chair Lee stated that the City Council approved the CAC's recommendation to designate August 9th as the Milpitas official date for National Night Out. Staff stated that they provided flyers for the Commission to take to the various meetings to promote the event.

**X.
New Business**

a. Review and Comment on Enhancements To Street Tree Planting Program.

Carol Randisi, Public Works Maintenance Supervisor, reviewed the tree-planting program. She stated that this item was presented to the City Council on May 15th with a request from Council to work with the CAC to revise the tree and planting ordinance. She stated that trees do have value in the city; they are part of the City's infrastructure. The City of Milpitas has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation for being a tree city USA. The City has 3 arborists. The City's goal is to plant 500 trees per year. The tree program does have some challenges: 1) tree roots in sewer lines, 2) tree roots picking up sidewalks or driveways, 3) illegal removals, 4) trees lost and not replanted, 5) and resident refusals. Ms. Randisi stated that the Council directed Public Works to continue with the current tree planting program and to take a look at the tree and planting ordinance and revise it by adding one tree per residential property with an appeal process and to revise the penalty section for topping and illegal tree removal.

b. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.

Community Outreach (Lee and Queenan)
No new information to report.

Programs for Those with Disabilities (Lee, Lind, and Pham)
No new information to report.

XI. Adjournment Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. to the August 1, 2007 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary