

CITY OF MILPITAS  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM  
APPROVED MINUTES  
August 6, 2008

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

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

**II.  
Seating of  
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Meharu and Pham

**III.  
Pledge of  
Allegiance**

Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.  
Approval of  
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Lind, Mohsin

Ayes: 7

**V.  
Approval of  
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of June 4, 2008.

M/S: Mohsin, Fang

Ayes: 7

**VI.  
Announcements**

Staff Liaison Cindy Maxwell announced her retirement in October and Felix Reliford, Principal Housing Planner, will take her place.

**VII.  
Public Forum**

Chair Queenan invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. Mayor Jose Esteves thanked the Commission for their hard work and participation.

**VIII.  
Liaison Reports**

**City Council**

Councilmember Althea Polanski announced that tomorrow is Neighborhood Night Out and 31 different neighborhoods will be participating, up from 19 of last year. Members of the CAC attended the emergency preparedness meeting and were pleased with the presentation. At last night's Council meeting, the Council approved a full-time aquatics head coach and an 80 single-family unit project on Sinclair Frontage Road. The Council received a progress report on the library and the project is 85% complete. Councilmember Debbie Giordano requested that staff look into a complaint driven residential front yard beautification program and Councilmember Polanski suggested that it come before the CAC. Councilmember Polanski also proposed a joint meeting

with the City of Milpitas and the MUSD because there has been miscommunication with the Transit Area plan and other things.

**IX.  
Old Business**

**a. Neighborhood Night Out.**

Chair Queenan announced that National Night Out will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2008. Chair Queenan felt that the increase in participation had to do with CAC commissioners visiting different Commissions. Commissioner Mohsin agreed and said he attended the Telecom Commission's meeting. Councilmember Polanski said she shared the news with the Emergency Preparedness Commission.

Ms. Maxwell said she brought brochures and goodies for Commissioners to take to the National Night Out event.

Commissioner Lind suggested that participants also pass out Community Outreach forms. Chair Queenan noted that the forms need to be updated and said he will work with staff to update the form. He also asked if staff could get rid of the old forms and give the new form to the police department.

**b. Town Hall Meeting.**

Chair Queenan, Commissioner Lind, Commissioner Pham, Commissioner Chen and Councilmember Polanski met with CEPAC and they are willing to have a town hall meeting in regards to natural disaster emergency preparedness sometime in January or February and Commissioner Lind suggested they form a Subcommittee.

Chair Queenan nominated Commissioner Lind to be part of the Subcommittee and Commissioner Lind accepted. Alternate Commissioner Pham volunteered to be part of the Subcommittee as well. Commissioner Lind asked staff to leave this item on the agenda for future discussion.

**X.  
New Business**

**a. Review 2009 Meeting Calendar.**

Commissioner Lind suggested canceling the 2009 December meeting. The Commission considered this and decided to leave the calendar as is.

MOTION to approve the 2009 Meeting calendar.

M/S: Lind, Fang

Ayes: 7

**b. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.**

1. Community Outreach (Mohsin, Queenan)

Chair Queenan noted that the Community Outreach forms will be updated and are located on the City's website. Commissioner Mohsin asked Ms. Maxwell if she has received any recent forms and Ms. Maxwell said no.

2. Neighborhood Beautification Awards (Abelardo, Chen, Mohsin)

Ms. Maxwell noted that the deadline for nominations is August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Mohsin said at the last meeting, they agreed that the subcommittee will drive around the City and pick out nominations. Chair Queenan said he drove around the City and nominated three homes.

Chair Queenan asked Councilmember Polanski if he should contact Councilmember Giordano about the front yard beautification and Councilmember Polanski said yes and it might be part of the town hall meeting.

Commissioner Mohsin said that residents are concerned about front yard beautification and the fact that the City is raising the water rates.

Alternate Commissioner Madnawat asked if the City can provide rebates to senior citizens who replace their lawn and use something less water consuming and Councilmember Althea Polanski said no.

**XI.**

**Adjournment**

Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. to the September 3, 2008 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Veronica Bejines, Recording Secretary