

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
August 5, 2009

- 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 Chen, Madnawat, Mohsin, and Villegas. Alternate Commissioners present were Nguyen, Manassau, and Fong. Commissioner Choudhury had an excused absence. Absent were: Lind and Meharu
- II. Seating of Alternates** Alternates seated: Nguyen, Manassau, and Fong
- III. Pledge of Allegiance** Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Approval of Agenda** MOTION to approve the Agenda.

M/S: Mohsin / Fang Ayes: 9
- V. Approval of Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of June 3, 2009 as submitted.

M/S: Mohsin / Villegas Ayes: 9
- VI. Announcements** Chair Queenan received the Proclamation for the National Night Out at the August 4, 2009 City Council meeting.
- 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**
- City Council** Councilmember Althea Polanski mentioned:

The City Council met and the City Manager announced the amount of funds that the state will be taking and borrowing from the City of Milpitas. 1.7 million dollars will be borrowed from the property tax (8%), take 11.8 from the RDA Budget. In August the City Manager will return with revisions to the budget approved in June, we have some reserves, funds for Art projects and TOT (Hotel) tax. Ms. Polanski does not foresee any layoffs as this would effect City services. In 3 or 4 months more money may be asked for from the state.

Approved by Council was the re-naming of Yellowstone Park to the Bob Browne Park in honor of our former mayor. Gary Langhorst one of the founders of Milpitas Kiwanis will have a street named after him in a new subdivision.

Approved Apton Plaza project.

IX. Old Business

A. Front Yard Maintenance

Gloria Anaya, Senior Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, gave a presentation on Front Yard Maintenance that was presented to the Council in January. Staff has 3 options, one to take no action and follow present options, two pro-active enforcement, three to look at existing NBO regulations and make possible code changes. Recommendation is number one due to cut in staff and budget constraints. Commissioners had general questions about the current NBO regulations. Chair Queenan stated that all should be aware of the current regulations and suggest discussing the matter at the next meeting after review of the regulations. A task force was recommended by Commissioner Fong to interview a cross section of citizens about the Front Yard Maintenance and what kind of financial impact that would have on them and does this ordinance leave too much latitude for intertipitation. Commissioners Madawat, Manassau, and Fong volunteered.

B. National Night Out

Commissioner Mandawat suggested that flyers be places at Homeowners Assoc. locations. Felix Reliford announced that we have a list of those associations. Chair Queenan agreed that is a good idea.

X. New Business

C. The Brown Act and Open Government Ordinance

Bronwen Lacey, Deputy City Attorney, gave a presentation and gave out handouts on the Brown Act and Open Government Ordinance. There was clarification discussion on what are a meeting, social events, serial meetings and consequences of violations.

D. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

NONE

XI. Adjournment

Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. to the September 2, 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Casagrande, Recording Secretary