

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
September 2, 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, Choudhury, Lind, Moshin, Meharu Alternate Commissioner present Manassau Commissioners Madnawat & Fong had an excused absence. Absent were: Nguyen & Villegas
- II. Seating of
Alternates** Alternate seated: Manassau
- III. Pledge of
Allegiance** Chair Queenan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Approval of
Agenda** MOTION to approve the Agenda.

M/S: Mohsin / Meharu Ayes: 7
- V. Approval of
Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of August 5, 2009 as submitted.

M/S: Fang / Moshin Ayes: 7
- VI. Announcements** Gloria Anaya, Senior Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, announced the upcoming Neighborhood Beautification Awards tour recommended for the week of September 14, 2009 through September 18, 2009.
- 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:

From the Council meeting of 9-1-09 the Santa Clara Valley Water District gave a presentation promoting water conservation. They reminded the Council of their service of free home inspections for water usage. They are very pleased working with the Milpitas Council and residents who have all done a good job conserving water.

The remodel of the Senior Center is on track and should meet its completion date. There will be a tour for the City Council on September 22, 2009 at 4:45PM.

Emma Karlen gave an update on the budget all departments did a great job of cost savings to meet 92% of the goal given earlier this year The TOT (Hotel tax) is down however the property tax had a 4% increase. Property taxes are expected to decrease next fiscal year due to reassessments done by the assessor's office.

This is National Disaster Preparedness Month; the public must be prepared to care for themselves for 72 hours following a disaster as emergency services will not be immediately available.

IX. Old Business

A. Front Yard Maintenance

Gloria Anaya, Senior Housing and Neighborhood Preservation Specialist, gave a recap of the NBO Ordinance to the commissioners so they could better understand the intent of the Front Yard Maintenance proposal. There were some general questions about the ordinance. Commissioner Lind added that there is still a problem with garbage cans left out and holiday lights being left up all year. Ms. Anaya said she would contact Solid Waste about the garbage cans and said there is an electrical building code that states that holiday lights can only be kept up for 90 days so she will work with her supervisor who in turn will work with Building on how to educate the public about this. A recommendation was made to have this information on the web during the holiday season.

Motion to accept staff's recommendation of no changes to the enforcement policy or the Municipal Code.

M/S: Mohsin / Meharu

Ayes: 7

B. National Night Out

Commissioner Moshin had a gathering of 20 people and all had a nice time. Chair Queenan had 35 people and had the Police Department brought by Police Dogs which was a huge success with the children. Chair Queenan recommended that the Police Department be more involved in the future by bringing dogs, vehicles etc... to the gatherings. Felix Reliford will follow up with Police on how many neighborhood gatherings were scheduled this year and report back.

X. New Business

C. SVunwired Presentation:

Andrew Gold a partner in the non profit SVunwired gave a presentation explaining the new WiFi service in Milpitas. When Earthlink left they gave all the installed equipment to the City of Milpitas, SVunwired reconfigured that equipment and added 2 towers and 25 nodes (small antenna's on top of street lights) through a grant from Google. The non profit's main intent is providing free internet service to all residents regardless of income. Their service provides free internet service for e-mail and internet searches, you can download movies etc. but it would take longer than a paid service at this time. The average saving to residence is about \$600 per year although some may need a modem at a cost of around \$60. SVunwired hopes to acquire some modems to give to the community for free. The other benefit to this service is city infrastructure by remote water meter reader (we have one test community within Milpitas), Fire and Police can give and receive information via the internet out in the field, public works can conduct traffic analysis etc....

D. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

NONE

XI. Adjournment

Chair Queenan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. to the October 7, 2009 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Casagrande, Recording Secretary