

A G E N D A
Community Advisory Commission

October 7, 2009
Milpitas City Hall Committee Meeting Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call:** Nika Chen, Reena Choudhury, Danny Fang, Jenifer Lind, Rajeev Madnawat, Viramrinder Meharu, Syed Mohsin, Michael Queenan, and Nelson Villegas
Alternates: Stephanie Fong, William Manassau, and Phong Nguyen
- II. Seating of Alternates:**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- IV. Approval of Agenda:**
- V. Approval of Minutes:** September 2, 2009
- VI. Announcements:**
- VII. Public Forum:**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers are asked to supply their name and address for the record. Each person wishing to speak on an item before the CAC at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once for a maximum of three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Liaison Reports

City Council Report Councilmember Polanski

IX. Old Business:

None

X. New Business :

A. Neighborhood Beautification Appreciation – 2009 Annual Awards Program.

The Commission formed the Neighborhood Beautification Awards subcommittee to make recommendations to the full Commission. The subcommittee members are Syed Moshin, Nika Ma Chin and Rajeev Madnawat. Included in your agenda packet is a list of all the nominations, and photographs of the locations. Staff received (11) eleven nominations by the August 31, 2009, deadline. Staff nominated (1) one Staff Choice Award and the

subcommittee chose (6) six properties to ensure all categories are represented for a total of (18) eighteen nominations. The subcommittee toured the sites and made selections on September 21, 2009.

The NBO Residential Award winners will receive a \$100.00 gift certificate from a home improvement store and a declaration. In addition, all nominees will receive a certificate of appreciation. The results will be posted on the City's website, Cable TV and in the Milpitas Post. The awards are tentatively scheduled to be distributed by the City Council at their meeting of November 3, 2009, with a break for refreshments and a celebration. The following are the NBO Awards subcommittee recommendations for consideration by the full Commission:

Building a Sense of Community Winner

24 Cedar Court

Building a Sense of Community Honorable Mention

1585 Fallen Leaf Drive

Attractive Non-Residential Winner

901 Ames Avenue – Humane Society Silicon Valley

Staff Choice Award Winner

660 Dempsey Road

Central Area

Attractive Residential Winner

260 Coelho Street

Attractive Residential Honorable Mention

164 Vargas Court
655 Corinthia Drive

Attractive Multi-Family Units Winner

162 Via Del Oro – Friendly Village Mobile Home Park

Attractive Homeowners Associations Winner

489 Altamont Drive

Hillside Area

Attractive Residential Winner

2237 N. Park Victoria Drive

Attractive Homeowners Association Winner

879 Calaveras Ridge – Calaveras Ridge

East Valley Floor Area

Attractive Residential Winner

277 Spring Valley Lane

Attractive Multi-Family Units Winner

660 Dempsey Road

Attractive Homeowners Association Winner

2357 Dubois Street – Hillcrest Villas

West Area

Attractive Residential Winner

439 Abbott Ave

Attractive Multi-Family Units Winner

1631 Pinewood Way

Attractive Homeowners Association Winner

16 Cedar Ave – Starlite Pines

Attractive Homeowners Association Nominee

1592 Fallen Leaf Drive

Recommendation: Review and approve the subcommittee and staff’s NBO 2009 award recommendations as listed above.

B. Heritage Tree Nominations

The CAC Work Plan schedules opportunities to nominate heritage trees in January, May and October. The major elements of the Heritage Tree Program are to:

- Recognize and designate individual trees or groves of trees to promote appreciation of the trees and their benefit to the community and to nurture and protect the trees as part of the city’s heritage.
- Protect all heritage trees or groves through the Tree and Planting Ordinance.
- Make it unlawful for any person, other than City personnel in the performance of their duties, to remove a heritage planting without first applying for a permit from the Public Works Department.
- Provide a process for the City Council to designate individual trees or a grove of trees.

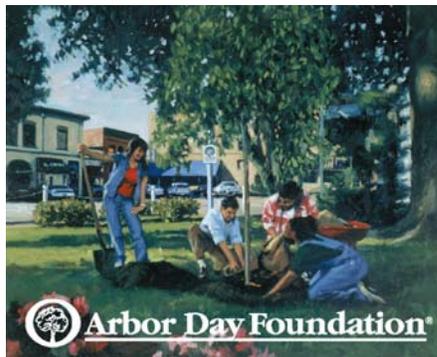
A heritage tree designation may be requested by any person and with the written consent of the property owner. A tree or grove of trees may be designated, as a Heritage Tree or a Heritage Tree Grove, with the finding that it is unique and of importance to the community due to any one of the following factors:

1. It is an outstanding specimen or grove of a desirable species.
2. It is one of the largest or oldest trees or grove of trees in Milpitas.
3. The tree, or grove of trees, possesses distinctive form, size, age, location and/or historical significance.

Heritage trees or groves that are removed without City approval must be replaced with one or more trees which, in the opinion of the Public Works Department, will provide comparable economic, aesthetic, or environmental value at the site or by reimbursing the City for the value of the tree or grove as determined by a certified arborist.

Recommendation: Determine if there are any new trees, or groves of trees, to recommend to the City Council for a heritage designation.

C. Consider Special Event Participation – Arbor Day, Tree City USA & Global Village



Celebrate Arbor Day; California is March 7-14, 2010

Group Celebrations

- **Raise the flag,** strike up the band, make Arbor Day fun. Make it memorable.
- **Organize a beautification project in a public area.**
- **Get people into action.** Ask a civic or service group to promote a paper drive to gather paper to be recycled and save a tree. Use the proceeds to buy a special tree to plant in a park or other special public place.
- **Hold a poster contest, or a poetry contest.**
- **Sponsor a children's pageant or play.**
- **Fill the air with music.** Have an Arbor Day concert of songs about trees, or with tree names in their titles.
- **Sponsor a tree trivia contest.** Give away trees to winners.
- **Conduct a tree search.** Ask people to find large, unusual or historic trees in your community. Once the results are in, publish a map that highlights the winners, or hold a walk showcasing them.

- **Tell people to take a hike** — tree identification hike — and have girl scouts or boy scouts act as guides.
- **Dedicate a forest**, or a tree, or a flower bed in a park, and make it an occasion to talk about stewardship. Get a local nursery or garden center to hold an open house or field day. Organize an Arbor Day Fair.
- **Encourage neighborhood organizations** to hold block parties and get their members to adopt and care for street trees in front of their homes. Pass out buttons. Give away trees

Recommendation: Discuss and direct staff accordingly.

D. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports

None

XI. Adjournment to: November 4, 2009

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