

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 7, 2013
Time: 7:00 p.m.
MILPITAS CITY HALL, COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

- I. **Call to Order** – Chair Beard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
and Roll Call Present: Vice Chair Mohsin, Commissioners Andres, Batilo (7:06), Leon, Lind, Manassau, Rosario, Councilmember Gomez (7:19)

Alternate Commissioners Present: Truong, Holland (7:16), Wong

Excused Absence: Commissioner Maglalang
 - II. **Seating of Alternates** – Commissioner Truong, Holland
 - III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Chair Beard led the Pledge of Allegiance
 - IV. **Approval of Agenda** – Vice Chair Mohsin moved, and Commissioner Rosario seconded, approval of the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
 - V. **Approval of Minutes – Minutes of July 3, 2013** – Vice Chair Mohsin moved, and Commissioner Andres seconded, approval of the Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Public Forum** – Milpitas Resident, Linda Arbaugh, urged everyone to vote Yes on Measure A to maintain existing Santa Clara County library services. If the Measure does not pass, libraries within Santa Clara County will need to close one (1) day a week.
 - VII. **Announcement by Staff – None**
 - VIII. **Liaison Report – Councilmember Gomez** was not present at the meeting.
 - IX. **Commissioners’ Round Table** – Commissioner Lind reported that the SAFE Team training on strategic action for emergency events was held on August 3. Commissioner Batilo asked staff, Principal Housing Planner, Felix Reliford, for an update about the Commissioners’ tee-shirts. Staff said that half of the order was received the other was delayed due to missing logo. Commissioner will be contacted via email once the rest of the shirts come in.
 - X. **New Business:**
 - A. **Comcast Internet Essential Program Presentation** – Vice Chair Mohsin reported that he met with the Comcast Director. Due to a last minute engagement change of the Comcast Director, she would not be able to come and present to the Commission. Vice Chair Mohsin asked for this agenda item to be continued to the next meeting.
 - B. **Tree Planting Program** – Discussion ensued among the Commissioners that include incorporating Arbor Day, the 60th Anniversary Celebration, honoring special groups by planting trees, rebate programs, and individual/corporate tree donation.

Commissioner Batilo asked if the City would be okay to use its letterhead for letters to be sent out to Home Depot and Orchard Supply Hardware asking for donations towards this program. Staff will get back to the commission.

The Tree Planting Subcommittee is waiting for Commissioner Maglalang’s return so they could meet prior to the September Commission meeting. Staff Reliford introduced Public Works Director/City Engineer Jeff Moneda.

Mr. Moneda added that PG&E had a grant program where for every two square miles where trees are planted, the City got \$2000 per annum. Chair Beard said that she will look to see if
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the program still exists with PG&E. She mentioned that she met with the City's Arborist, Ed Mosqueda, and that he mentioned "Save our Forest" program to her. Commissioner Lind still has not gotten a clear answer as to where the 100 trees are/needed to be planted. Mr. Moneda responded City parks, Park Victoria Drive, Escuela Parkway, Milpitas Blvd. to Jacklin Road. He also mentioned about donating a tree to plant in memory of. Chair Beard instructed the Tree Planting Subcommittee to come back to the Commission with a solidified plan.

C. Neighborhood Beautification Program – Senior Housing Specialist Gloria Anaya gave a recap to the Commission. The Milpitas Post ran 2 free articles, 7/19 and 7/26; extensive mail out to the community (250 mailing), marquee advertisement the entire month of July and as of July 31st, 6 applications were received with before and after photos.

She told the commission that the next step is the tour by the subcommittee with Ms Anaya and staff to look at the nominated houses and establishments. The tour was set for August 19 at 4:00 PM. Commissioners Manassau, Rosario, and Truong will meet Ms Anaya and staff Zulema Maggi at City Hall.

Chair Beard reiterated to staff about finding ways to revamp the program to get more participation. Vice Chair Mohsin asked Ms Anaya if the 6 applications received covered all locations; and she responded yes.

D. National Night Out – Vice Chair Mohsin reported that he is working with the Police Department for tomorrow's event. They will be delivering the bag for the host/hostess. Both Commissioners Batilo and Manassau mentioned that they will be hosting block party.

Chair Beard suggested using the available Commission's tee-shirts, everyone concurred. All Commissioners informed each other which block party they are going to attend.

E. City's 60TH Anniversary Planning Committee Volunteer Update – Chair Beard informed all that the meeting was re-scheduled to August 22. She will then report back to the Commission at its September meeting.

F. Many Faces One Community Event – Staff said that it was an excellent idea to weave this great event into one the city's existing events next year without competing with other events and the City's 60th celebration. Staff is to meet with this subcommittee to explore parameters without conflicting with the 60TH Anniversary celebration, discuss the purpose of the event and how to align this with other City events. Commissioner Batilo suggested continuing this event even after the City's 60th celebration. Commissioner Lind asked everyone to be mindful of the City staff time that is needed to run the event; and the cultural dance aspect is already established.

More discussion among the Commissioners took place. At the end, staff will meet with the subcommittee to discuss in depth how this event could be celebrated.

XI. Old Business:

A. Adopt-A-Neighborhood Program – Mr. Reliford sent letters to Home Owners Associations and have not reheard back from any of them. Commissioner Batilo asked if any of the Commissioners are willing to adopt their own neighborhood. Chair Beard suggested thinking a way to recognize the adoptee and perhaps that would sway participation.

Motion: to direct staff to contact groups and Commissioner Andres and ask who are willing to adopt a neighborhood and report back to the Commission.

Motion/Second: Batilo/Andres

Motion carried by a vote of: Ayes: 11

XII. Adjournment – Commissioner Batilo moved, and Commissioner Leon seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm to the next regular meeting on September 4, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.
