

**CITY OF MILPITAS  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**Approved Minutes:** Senior Advisory Commission  
**Date of Meeting:** October 27, 2009  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

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**A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE**

Vice Chairperson Barbara Ebright called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Barbara Ebright, Mary Banick, Bal Daquigan, Florentino Menor, Amanda Santos, Bernice Wrinkle

**Alternates Present:** Estrella Gilana

**Commissioner Absent:** Denny Weisgerber (excused), Albert Wang

**Alternates Absent:** Karen Adams (excused)

**Council Liaison:** Vice Mayor Peter McHugh

**Staff Present:** Renee Lorentzen, Acting Recreation Supervisor  
Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator

**C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Estrella Gilana

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** To adopt the Agenda of the October 27, 2009 Senior Advisory Commission.  
**M/S:** Winkle/Daquigan      **Ayes:** Unanimous

**E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**MOTION:** To approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2009 Senior Advisory Commission meeting.  
**M/S:** Winkle/Banick      **Ayes:** Unanimous.

**F. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Acting Recreation Supervisor Lorentzen reviewed the updated Financial Report, included in the Commission Packet, for July 1, 2009 – July 31, 2009. Revenues received were \$736.78; expenses were \$228.15, leaving a balance of \$7,940.93.

**G. CITIZENS FORUM:** None

**H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE:**

**1. Police Department Updates:**

Police Chief Dennis Graham updated the Commission on the two homicides that recently took place. The first one took place at the Jack in the Box on Main St. and involved two

opposing gang members from San Jose. The following evening, San Jose police officers found the 16-year-old suspect at a house and arrested him following a chase.

The second homicide was of a Richmond resident that took place in the Great Mall's parking structure. Few details were available due to the investigation was on-going.

## **2. Parks & Recreation Programs:**

- Acting Recreation Supervisor Lorentzen announced the following upcoming events: Spooktacular Halloween event – Saturday & Sunday October 24, 25 & Saturday, October 31, 12:00-4:00 pm, at the Great Mall.
- Veterans Day Ceremony – Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, Civic Center Flag Area
- Tree Lighting Ceremony – Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, Civic Center Flag Area

## **I. PRESENTATIONS:**

### **Silicon Valley Unwired: Free WiFi system in Milpitas**

Diana Barnhart, Economic Development Manager, introduced Karl Garcia and Andrew Gold from Silicon Valley Unwired (SVUnwired). Mr. Garcia and Mr. Gold gave an overview of the wireless service they provide. SVUnwired took over the City's previous wireless service to provide free basic internet services that uses a city-wide umbrella of WiFi and WiMax and utilizes a sustainable business model fully integrated with City services. The cost of the services is well over \$1 million but SVUnwired is able to do it here for under \$100,00.00. The service can be used with Smart City (automated city by creating a network with overlays on top of it. It can also help provide more broadband coverage that would help with iphones, water meter readings, public safety (Fire & Police). The system consists of "nodes" located on top of light poles throughout the city, which transmit the signals. Users must have a WiFi connection (modem) for their computer and/or smart phone.

## **J. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1. Volunteers for Upcoming Fundraising Events**

Staff requested two volunteers to sign-up for the upcoming evening Bingo Sessions on November 3rd and December 1st. The Commissioners who volunteered are as follows:

November 3rd – Estrella Gilana and Mary Banick  
December 1st – Bal Daquigan and Estrella Gilana

### **2. Senior Advisory Commission Budget**

The Milpitas Senior Advisory Commission fundraises in support of the Senior Center's programs, activities and members. The Senior Center staff requested support from the Commission with the purchase of a wireless microphone headset (\$370.06) that would be compatible with the current sound system and could be used for Bingo sessions and presentations; and \$50 to purchase raffle prizes for the Center's monthly Birthday Parties.

Commissioner Banick stated she also received 10 \$10 certificates from Subway Sandwiches for prizes at the Senior Center's Birthday lunch celebrations and the Holiday Dinner & Dance event. Commissioner Banick also suggested using some of the Center's volunteers to help with the Commission's fundraising efforts.

Acting Recreation Supervisor Lorentzen stated the Senior Advisory Commissioners are charged with volunteering at events and assist with fundraisers. She also asked commissioners to re-evaluate their time and commitment to the Commission's events along with the Center's events.

Commissioner Gilana stated she's at the Senior Center helping several times a week and helped recruit other volunteers for the lunch program.

Motion to approve the purchase of the wireless microphone headset.

M/S: Wrinkle/Gilana           Ayes: Unanimous

### **3. New Senior Center Art Project Models**

Acting Recreation Supervisor Lorentzen gave an overview on the art project for the new Senior Center. Per the Request for Artist Proposals, the project proposals were to be artistic benches, one of which needed to incorporate bronze and represent seniors and their families. The project would not exceed \$100,000 and include four benches. The location of the benches would be in front of the center and possibly spread around to the back area. There were 14 artist proposals submitted and the Art Project Subcommittee narrowed it down to three project finalists. The three finalists produced small-scale models that were on display at the Senior Center for two weeks for members and the public to cast their opinions. Ms. Lorentzen reported 117 opinions were cast, of which 99 were from Senior Center members and 18 were from the general public. The results breakdown follows:

- "Generations": 60 of the 99 member votes and 16 of the 18 general public votes
- "Precious Life" received 28 of the member 99 votes and 1 of the 18 general public votes
- "Seasons" received 11 of the 99 member votes and 1 of the 18 general public votes

Ms. Lorentzen requested the Commission to give its recommendation on which piece of art it would like for the new center.

Motion: to recommend approval of "Generations" as art for the new Senior Center project.

M/S: Daquigan/Banick           Opposed: Wrinkle

Commissioner Ebright noted her first choice was "Precious Life" but went with the Commission's vote.

Ms. Lorentzen noted the artists not selected would receive future proposals for City art projects.

**J. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Update on New Senior Center**

Acting Recreation Supervisor Lorentzen reported that the crew was doing as much work on the outside as possible along with getting it weatherized so when the weather gets worse the crew could continue to work on the inside. The completion of the project also continues to be on target.

**K. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**1.0 STAFF REPORTS**

**1.1 Recreation Services**

- Recreation Supervisor reviewed the upcoming events listed on the agenda.

**1.2 Senior Center Nutrition**

- Acting Recreation Supervisor Lorentzen reported the Nutrition Lunch served 1,685 meals in August and 1,580 meals in September. Also, through the Transportation services, there were 386 rides given in August and 410 rides in September

**2. LIAISON REPORTS**

**Vice Mayor Peter McHugh**

**2.1 City Council**

The City Council received an appeal of Fire Inspection fees (\$312.00) from several years ago from an individual. The City won in small claims court but the individual is still appealing to City Council, and has spent over \$36,000 in attorney fees contesting the fee.

**2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission**

- None

**2.3 Arts Commission**

- None

**2.4 Recreations and Cultural Resources Commission**

- None

**3. Future Agenda Items**

- Volunteering
- Work Log

**L. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2010, at 1:30 pm, at the Milpitas City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynette Wilson, Commission Secretary