

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Approved Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: October 23, 2007
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Chairperson Denny Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mary Banick, William "Ed" Connor, Bal Daquigan, Barbara Ebright, Florentino Menor, Amanda Santos, Albert Wang, Denny Weisgerber, Joanne Wood

Commissioner Absent: None

Alternates Present: Bernice Wrinkle, Estrella Gilana

Alternates Absent: None

Council Liaison: Debbie Giordano

Staff Present: Dennis Graham, Police Chief
Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Jennifer Tagalog, Recreation Services Supervisor
Bonnie Greiner, Parks and Recreation Director
Cinda Dye, Recreation Public Services Assistant II

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: None

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda of the October 23, 2007, Senior Advisory Commission.
M/S: Connor/Wang. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

E. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the August 28, 2007, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Ebright/Banick. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reviewed the updated Financial Report included in the Commission Packet for August 1- September 30, 2007. The report reflected the expenses

of \$564.15 (for the Bingo night food booth supplies, Ice cream sales, Root beer float supplies and paper products). The revenue for the period was \$1,663.22 (Evening Bingo snack bar, ice cream sales, Root beer float sales and Red Brick fund raiser). The Commission's account balance is \$4,092.00.

Motion to approve the Financial Report.

M/S: Daguigan/Banick. Ayes: Unanimous.

G. CITIZEN FORUM: None

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Police Chief Dennis Graham reported to the Commission that in the first 9 months of this year the crime rate has gone down in respect to residential burglaries and auto theft. The residential burglaries are down 28% and the auto thefts are down 11%. Police Chief Graham also brought up the issue of a mountain lion sighting. He handed out an informational flier on ways to avoid an encounter with a mountain lion and what to do in case confronted by one.

Parks and Recreation Director Bonnie Greiner gave the Commission an update on the new Senior Center, which included a Powerpoint presentation showing the floor plan of the existing library facility, which after renovation will become the new Senior Center. The new floor plan, which measures 22,500sq.ft., showed the location of entrances, lobby area and rooms. The designated rooms include Arts & Craft, Computer Lab, Classroom, Ping Pong/Pool, Game Room, Fitness, Dance, Social, Case Manager/Resources, Auditorium (which holds up to 200 people), Café, Kitchen and Staff offices.

Commissioner Gilana asked if the Community Room would have a stage for performances. Parks and Recreation Director Greiner replied the stage could possibly be in the way because of the size of the room. She also stated that a portable stage could also be purchased. Director of Public Works Greg Armendariz also suggested using the Community Center's stage during events that required a stage.

Parks and Recreation Director Greiner stated that while staying within the budget of \$15.5 million, new outdoor patios, and seating would be added. Also shown was an artist concept of the outside of the building and gardens.

Commissioner Connor asked if the amount of parking spaces would change and if the handicap parking would be accurate for a senior center. Parks and Recreation Director Greiner responded that parking would remain the same or possibly a new configuration could added. Armendariz agreed that the parking would probably stay the same and that the handicap parking would be determined by following the code. Councilmember Debbie Giordano said there would possibly be additional handicap spots.

Commissioner Menor asked about emergency access and evacuation areas. Parks and Recreation Director Greiner responded the emergency personnel would have the same

access as everyone else and there will be a gathering area for evacuations but it has not yet been determined.

Parks and Recreation Director Greiner concluded by urging the Commission to let her know if they had any suggestions or concerns about the project.

I. OLD BUSINESS: None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks Master Plan

Parks and Recreation Director Greiner informed the Commission the Parks and Recreation Services Department is currently working on a Parks Master Plan. A public meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2007, 7:00 pm, in the Council Chambers at Milpitas City Hall. The public is invited to voice opinions of what is important to them when it comes to Milpitas' parks and open spaces. Parks and Recreation Director Greiner asked the Commission to give input on the following items:

Best thing about Milpitas' park system:

- Park in every housing community
- Some have table areas and stages
- Well utilized by the public

Improvements/Changes Needed:

- Restrooms not at all parks
- Dog areas in all parks
- More trees, benches, BBQ pits
- Games
- Bigger stages/amphitheatre
- More fields for playing sports

Types of programs needed at parks:

- Music concerts (need more benches)

Is there a need for passive vs. active parks:

- Combination of both in one park is good when planned properly
- Some types of parks should stand alone (i.e. botany – Rose Garden)
- Not all parks can accommodate mixed use (i.e. softball)

2. Library Public Art Presentation

The City's Public Art Committee is in the process of selecting two pieces of art for the new library, and is seeking public input on possible artwork. Art Commissioner Linda Rabe and Public Arts Committee member Elaina Lawson presented to the Commission the proposed artwork for the new Library: one for the South Tower and one for the Main Entry Plaza.

The committee selected six artists' proposals – 3 for the Plaza and 3 for the Tower.

a. Finalist for the Tower (All are mobiles)

Rebecca Bolinger	Milpitas Smash-up: Plexiglas, light flows thru and reflects On walkways, slow moving
Cork Marcheschi house	Milpitas Library Atrium: Plexiglas flowers, diversity and element, reflecting off the walls
Jeffrey Miller Amy Trachtenburg	Farming to Silicon Valley: Plexiglas fields of the past and Silicon Valley chips of the future

b. Finalist for the Main Entry Plaza

Diana Bates	Towers: 10-foot stainless steel w/ water feature
Robert Ellison	Happy Books: 16 foot painted books on spool like columns
Bryan Gogan	Terrapedia: A book rising from a crack in the earth with a water feature

Committee members Rabe and Lawson encouraged the Commission to give their opinion so they could be a part of the evaluation process.

3. 2007 Senior Center Holiday Dance and Party

Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Tagolog reported the Senior Center's Holiday Dance and Party will be on Sunday, December 9, 2007, 3:00 pm-7:00 pm, at the Milpitas Community Center. The cost is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. As in past years, staff is requesting a donation from the Commission to assist with the cost of the band and to purchase some raffle prizes (which would be new this year). Commissioner Weisgerber suggested that the Commission donate \$250.00 towards the cost of the band and \$100.00 towards the cost of the raffle prizes.

Motion to approve the donations of \$250 for the band and \$100 for raffle prizes.
M/S: Connor/Daquigan. Ayes: Unanimous

4. Craft Faire Food Sales

Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Tagolog announced the Senior Center would be holding a Craft Faire on Saturday, November 3, 2007, 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Last year's event, the Senior Advisory Commission hosted a food booth and made approximately \$112.00. Recreation Supervisor Tagalog asked if the Commission would be interested in sponsoring the food booth again this year. If so, two volunteers were needed for the two shifts. Commissioner Weisgerber asked for a motion.

Motion to have a food booth at the Senior Center Craft Faire.
M/S: Banick/Ebright Ayes: Unanimous

The following commissioners agreed to work the following shifts:
8:00-11:00 am: Commissioner Gilana
11:00 am- 2:00 pm: Commissioners Ebright and Banick

5. Fundraising Opportunity – Gift Checks

Per the request of Commission Ebright, Recreation Supervisor Tagolog researched the selling of Gift Check books as a fundraiser. Recreation Supervisor Tagolog reported the cost of each book would be \$12.00. If 1-99 books were sold the Commission would receive \$4.80 per book and 100 or more books were sold, the Commission would receive \$6.00 per book. The books could be sold at the Senior Center, Community Center and the Sports Center. The Gift Check books are good for Santa Clara County, although other county books could be obtained if needed.

Motion to sell the Gift Check Books as a fundraiser.
M/S: Ebright/Gilana Ayes: Unanimous

6. Volunteers for Upcoming Evening Bingo Food Booth

Recreation Supervisor Jennifer Tagolog announced she needed two volunteers for the Senior Center's upcoming evening Bingo nights on November 27th and December 18th, 4:30-7:30 pm. Volunteers would assist in food set-up, sales and clean up.

The following commissioners agreed to work the following shifts:
November 27th: Commissioners Daquigan and Gilana
December 18th: Commissioners Weisgerber and Gilana

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reviewed the events listed on the agenda, highlighting the presentations on Kaiser's New Policy Presentation (11/8), Senior Center Closed (11/12), Senior Advantage Plan Presentation (11/15), Fundraiser at El Torito Restaurant (11/15), Holiday Party & Dance (12/9), Holiday hours: Senior Center will close at 2:00pm (12/26-1/4).

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reported the average daily Nutrition Lunch participation was 76 in August and 86 in September, and the number of riders in August was 353 and 428 in September.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 A City Council

Councilmember Giordano reported on the following City Council actions during October.

October 2, 2007.

- Adopt Regulatory Agreement for Affordable Housing (126 unit condominium units in Midtown area)
- Adopted CDBG Annual performance evaluation report
- Received report the new Library/Garage project is on time, on budge and opening in January 2009
- Began analysis for the state-mandated Housing Element update (every 5 years)
- Adopted a Street Tree Ordinance

October 16, 2007:

- Approved 374 apartment units and 285 townhomes on 21.73 acres of industrial land
- Received staff report on the new Senior Center
- Passed Ordinance for penalties and restrictions for use of the City's Seal.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission

Commissioner Weisgerber reported that last week the California Senior Legislators made their annual trip to Sacramento. The group gathers ideas and then writes proposals to be submitted for legislation.

Commissioner Weisgerber added the Council on Aging is looking for more representation from Hispanic, African-American and Asian groups in the county. Also he announced he has been elected chairman of the Council on Aging Advisory Commission for the next year.

2.3 Arts Commission

No report.

2.4 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

No report.

3. Future Agenda Items

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm. The next meeting is scheduled January 22, 2008, at 1:30 pm, at the Milpitas City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Secretary (outgoing)
Cinda Dye, Commission Secretary (incoming)