

# **A G E N D A**

## ***Community Advisory Commission***

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**May 2, 2007**

Milpitas City Hall Committee Meeting Room

455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

7:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call:** Joselito Abelardo, Danny Fang, Chris Lee, Jenifer Lind, Syed Mohsin, Michael Queenan, Craig Ranker, and Nelson Villegas  
Alternates: Reena Choudhury, Chinedu Nwobi, and Viramrider Meharu
- II. Seating of Alternates:**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- IV. Approval of Agenda:**
- V. Approval of Minutes:** April 4, 2007
- VI. Announcements:**
- VII. Public Forum:**

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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.

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### **VIII. Liaison Reports**

- A. City Council Report** Councilmember Polanski

### **IX. New Business**

#### **A. Presentation on Tree Program**

Rhonda Berry, CEO of Our City Forest, will be present to talk about the benefits of planting trees for the community.

**Recommendation:** Discuss as appropriate.

#### **B. National Night Out**

National Night Out is a unique crime and drug prevention event where residents gather for a neighborhood block party to become better acquainted and make neighborhoods safer. National Night Out is a coordinated effort between police and community members to learn better how to prevent crime in neighborhoods. This year marks the 24<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. It is scheduled nationally on the first Tuesday in

August. Since the Milpitas City Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month, and because members of the City Council have typically desired to attend neighborhood block parties, Milpitas' celebration of the event has usually been held on the following Thursday. This year that date would be August 9th.

Additional discussion items are:

- Will CAC members host events this year?
- Will CAC members make announcements about National Night Out at other City boards and commissions this year?

**Recommendation:**

1. Recommend the City Council select Thursday, August 9, 2007 as Milpitas' National Night Out.
2. Determine if CAC members will host events this year.
3. Determine if CAC members will make announcements about National Night Out at other City boards and commissions.

**C. 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 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.

A heritage tree designation may be requested by any person and with the written consent of the property owner.

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.

#### **D. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports**

- Community Outreach (Lee and Queenan)
- Programs for those with disabilities (Lee and Lind)

**Recommendation:** Discussion only, no action needed.

#### **X. Adjournment to June 6, 2007**

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