

CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
May 2, 2007

**I.
Call to Order
and Roll Call**

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Fang (7:04 pm), Lind (7:06 pm), Mohsin, Queenan, Ranker, and Villegas
Alternate present was Commissioner Nwobi (7:10 pm)
Absent: Commissioners Abelardo, Choudhury, Pham, and Meharu

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternate seated: None

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Commissioner Ranker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted.

M/S: Mohsin, Ranker

Ayes: 5

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of April 4, 2007.

M/S: Ranker, Mohsin

Ayes: 5

**VI.
Announcements**

Staff announced the new liaison, Cindy Maxwell, who thanked the Commission. Chair Lee announced that he received a letter from the City Attorney stating that Ms. Pham is to remain as Alternate 2 on the CAC until her successor is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. It is not appropriate for the CAC to discuss the re-appointment of Ms. Pham as an agenda item at their next CAC meeting. Chair Lee also announced that the Mayor presented the CAC with a proclamation for Arbor Day.

**VII.
Public Forum**

Chair Lee invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda.

Ray Maglalang, 1346 Lassen Avenue, Milpitas – Mr. Maglalang stated that he is a member of the Economic Development Commission. He spoke about alternative energy and making the City of Milpitas a solar city. He suggested the CAC have a project to incorporate solar power on all the City buildings. He also stated that there is 8 foreign exchange students coming to Milpitas and would like to know if any family would like to host them for 2 weeks (July 7th – July 22nd).

Commissioner Ranker suggested agendaing Mr. Maglalang's idea on solar energy for discussion at a future meeting.

**VIII.
Liaison Reports**

a. City Council

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. She announced that it is Older Americans month, Water Awareness month, and National Family month all in May. National Family month goes from Mother's Day to Father's Day. Saturday, May 12, 2007 there will be a Family Day event at the Milpitas Community Center with activities from 10 am to 2 pm. The Council has decided to go to an in-house City Attorney. The City Attorney will be an employee of the City and report to the City Council. She stated that the Commissioners Recognition event had about 45 Commissioners in attendance. The Council is looking at other avenues to thank the Commissioners for services rendered. The Mayor had the State of the City address on April 26th. The ground breaking for the new library was on April 28th down on Main Street. There was a tour of the parking garage. Completion of the new library should be December of 2008. The Milpitas Community TV studio is up and running. The open house is Monday, May 21st at 7 pm. Safeway is now open. There was further discussion on the Senior Center funding which is currently at 11 million for 18,000 square feet. To expand the Senior Center to 25,000 square feet it would cost 16.5 million. Another option is to expand the Senior Center 22,000 square feet for 15.5 million. The Council has agreed to the expansion to meet the needs of the residents 50 years and older. The Council had their General Fund budget report as of March 31st. The City is up in Sales Tax revenue by almost 9 percent.

**IX.
New Business**

a. Presentation on Tree Program.

Chair Lee stated that Ms. Berry, CEO of Our City Forest, was unable to attend the meeting. Ray Maglalang distributed an article on tree planting in Africa. He stated that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) was inspired by Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai, whose Green Belt Movement in Kenya has been instrumental in planting more than 30 million trees in 12 African countries since 1977. The UNEP's goal is to have 1 billion new trees planted throughout the world in 2007. The City of Milpitas is planting 500 trees a year. Chair Lee stated that he spoke to Carol Randisi about getting some additional trees planted in Milpitas. He stated that he would invite Ms. Berry to a future meeting to give another presentation.

MOTION to continue this item to a future meeting.

M/S: Ranker, Mohsin

Ayes: 5

b. National Night Out.

Staff stated that this year marks the 24th annual National Night out. It is typically held on the first Tuesday in August, which is the same evening as the City Council meeting. Staff suggested having National Night Out on Thursday, August 9, 2007.

MOTION to recommend to City Council to have National Night Out on Thursday, August 9, 2007.

M/S: Lind, Queenan

Ayes: 5

Commissioner Mohsin asked staff when should they go to the other Commissions regarding the event. Councilmember Polanski suggested going to the other

Commissions now and letting them know that National Night Out is in August and that you would let them know the exact date once you find out from City Council.

Chair Lee stated that he would be hosting a National Night Out block party. Other Commissioners hosting an event this year is Vice-Chair Queenan and Commissioner Villegas.

Councilmember Polanski stated that she would announce the event at the CEPAC meeting.

c. Heritage Tree Nominations.

Staff stated that the Commission could nominate a tree or groves of trees as heritage trees in January, May and October. Staff asked the Commission if they had any nominations for May. There were no requests.

d. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.

Community Outreach (Lee and Queenan)

Commissioner Mohsin received one response from a resident.

Programs for Those with Disabilities (Lee, Lind, and Pham)

No new information to report.

X.

Adjournment

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to the June 6, 2007 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary