

MUSD Advisory Committee Naming Facilities

Recommendations

- New Elementary School
- Family Resource Center
- Land for Milpitas Community College Extension

Background

[Board Policy 7310](#): Naming of Facility

- Must be a person who has made a significant contribution to the community
- Name can't be similar to existing school properties
- Advisory committee to review name suggestions and make recommendations to the Board
- Must hold a public hearing before adopting a name

New Elementary School

Mabel Mattos

70%

Founding member of Milpitas Historical Society

Largely responsible for the documentation and preservation of what we know about Milpitas

Held weekly meetings about Milpitas, conducted research for street names, and funded the society when it was low on funds

Milpitas' unofficial historian until her death in 2013

Dr. Albert Currlin

31%

First and only doctor in Milpitas for 20 years

37 years in Milpitas

Served as president of County Academy of General Practice, County Medical Society, and County Heart Association

Milpitas CC Extension at *Name for Land*

Mayor Ben Gross

64%

1 of the 1st African American Mayors in CA (1966)

Civil rights and union activist

1st integrated neighborhood association --
Sunnyhills

Fought annexation of Milpitas by San Jose

Roger Chew

37%

Developed hothouse chrysanthemum

Family developed the 1st double blossom from
3,000-year old flower stock of Canton, China

1 of 7 Chew family flower growers in Milpitas

Family Resource Center

Ernestina Garcia

46%

Latino rights activist

Founded Confederación de la Raza Unida

Advocated for civil rights, health, housing,
economic and educational rights for
farmworkers, students, and elderly Chicanos

Josephine Guerrero

52%

Assistant postmaster who worked with 1st
postmaster of Milpitas, Ben Rodgers

Served as City Planning Commissioner

President of Milpitas Chamber of Commerce from
1975-76

Milpitas Woman of the Year Award

Founded Milpitas Business Women Club

Committee found that people:

- Appreciated consideration of female leaders
- Guerrero and Garcia were found to be almost equal in preference
- Danny Lau's name was suggested by Post and some others, as was Jan Miller, Chuck Perotti, Chuck Gary, & Ned McGiver

Notable

Advisory Committee Members:

Elizabeth Correa
Pearl Bray Chavez
MaryJane Gertz
Deana Harn

Maria Vasquez
Mauricio Gavidia
Patti Belanger
Reena Choudrey

Lisa Ciardella
Silvia Dias
Michelle Eacret

