

**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS**

**Minutes of:** Regular Meeting of the Milpitas Redevelopment Agency  
(Including Joint Meeting with the City Council)

**Date:** Tuesday, September 2, 2008

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Location:** Milpitas City Hall Council Chambers, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

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**JOINT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

- RA 1. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor/Agency Chairman Esteves called to order the regular meeting of the Milpitas Redevelopment Agency, meeting jointly with the City Council, at 8:26 PM.
- RA 2. ROLL CALL** **PRESENT:** Mayor/Chair Esteves, Vice Mayor/Vice Chair Livengood, Agency/Councilmembers Giordano, Gomez and Polanski
- ABSENT:** None
- RA 3. MEETING MINUTES** Motion: to approve the minutes of August 19, 2008 as submitted
- Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Polanski/ Agency/Councilmember Giordano
- Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5  
NOES: 0
- RA 4. Agenda Approval and Consent Calendar** Motion: to approve the agenda and consent calendar items (\*)
- Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Giordano/ Agency/Councilmember Polanski
- Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5  
NOES: 0
- RA 5. Update Report on New Library, Parking Garage and N. Main Streetscape projects** CIP Manager Steve Erickson provided the elected officials with an oral progress report on the new Milpitas Library and North Main Streetscape Projects. He updated agency members on the progress of the nearly complete City’s new library building on N. Main St. Contractor remains on scheduled and on budget. He reviewed Contract Change Orders for the furniture packages.
- Staff presented Historic Grammar School directional signs that would be posted in the new library in that part of the building.
- On this issue of a driver-side book drop at back of the library, he wrote and distributed a written memo to the City Council/Agency addressing this subject. There were cost and maintenance issues, which library staff found contributed to why none was planned for the library. Mr. Erickson noted that such drop boxes could be added in the future.
- Photographs of current work were displayed, showing construction progress.
- Staff reported that the Library Subcommittee recommended the date of January 5, 2009 as a soft opening of the new library and Saturday, January 10, 2009 as the dedication ceremony. Mayor Esteves corrected that to state he only asked to bring the matter to the City Council, while Vice Mayor Livengood recommended those dates.

Councilmember Polanski asked when the building would be done and all books moved in and stored. Staff reported construction would be completed by the end of November, then library staff and books would need to be moved in during 6- 7 weeks into the middle of December, for final completion prior to opening. Ms. Polanski noted this was the people's building and despite holidays, with students home at that time, if library was ready, her view was it should open up for service.

Councilmember Giordano noted a discussion at the Public Art Committee about moving the cartwheeling children sculpture from the front lawn of City Hall to the front of the new Library. City Manager Williams responded that the focus was to get the library open, and then later bring to Council the cartwheels matter. Ms. Giordano also asked about the historic Fire Truck status in the parking garage and staff replied the railing was to be readied in January.

Vice Mayor Livengood was pleased that the City finally resolved the fire truck issue and said thanks to all who cooperated on it. He was not opposed to having a soft opening sooner than January 5, if Library staff was ready.

Mayor Esteves was concerned for the budget amount of \$45,000 for the grand opening ceremony and suggested half of that cost, since the City was in difficult economic times. He questioned the date for the move-in to the new library.

Councilmember Gomez had no problem with the budget for the opening ceremony. He wanted to invite as many from the community as possible to attend on that January 10 date. He even was even willing to spend more, if needs arose.

Motion: to receive the staff report on construction progress on the new library and N. Main streetscape, and approve two dates for the Monday, January 5, 2009 as the soft opening and Saturday, January 10, 2009 as the grand opening and dedication ceremony date, *and* if the date to open could be earlier, to report back to the Library Subcommittee and the City Council

Speaker:

**Craig Donnelly**, resident, spoke to the Council and read aloud a letter he wrote, representing some in the community. He wanted placed on the Council agenda an action to move the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Library to be held in the fall of 2008, when Mayor Esteves was still in office.

Vice Mayor Livengood commented to Mr. Donnelly that the library would not be ready in November, so Council could not schedule a ribbon-cutting when the building was not done. He further commented that the Mayor was not the only one who supported past ballot measures to help acquire funding for the new Milpitas Library project.

Councilmember Gomez termed Mr. Donnelly's letter as "political pandering at its best." He felt that would be rushing projects to get things done just to satisfy politicians.

Mayor Esteves allowed for speakers on this topic.

Speaker:

**Ola Hassan**, 350 Vista Ridge Drive, was against having two types of openings for the new library. He felt the City should make it like a business and for now, to schedule a tentative date for the grand opening only.

Motion/Second: Vice Chair/Vice Mayor Livengood/ Agency/Councilmember Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 4

NOES: 1 (Esteves)



\*RA 9. Approve Three  
Certificates of Completion for  
KB Home residential project

Authorized Agency Executive Director to execute three Certificates of Completion pertaining to certain residential units (described on the Certificate of Completion documents), for KB Home Terra Serena, Project No. 3160, subject to approval of the Agency Counsel as to form.

**RA 10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair/Mayor Esteves adjourned the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 9:08 PM.

*Meeting minutes prepared and submitted by  
Mary Lavelle, Agency Secretary*