

**MILPITAS PLANNING COMMISSION  
SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING  
Milpitas City Hall - Committee Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas, CA**

**MEETING MINUTES  
Saturday, October 26, 2013**

- CALL TO ORDER** The Special Meeting of the Milpitas Planning Commission was called to order at 11:30 AM and all those gathered said the pledge of allegiance to the US flag.
- Present:** Chair Sudhir Mandal, Vice Chair Larry Ciardella, Commissioners John Luk, Rajeev Madnawat, Gurdev Sandhu, Garry Barbadillo, Zeya Mohsin and Alternate Member Demetress Morris
- Staff:** Steve McHarris, Sheldon Ah Sing, Cindy Hom, Rachelle Currie
- 17 college students and 2 faculty members from California Polytechnic State University were also present and participating in this work session meeting.
- PUBLIC FORUM** None.
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST** No Commissioners identified a conflict of interest.
- APPROVE AGENDA** The agenda for this special meeting was approved by unanimous vote.
- SPECIAL PRESENTATION** Presentations were given by CalPoly students on the California Circle and Main Street study areas. There were three presentations for California Circle and four presentations for Main Street. Commissioners provided general comments and feedback to the students.
- CalPoly students will use the comments for their analysis and study, and then they were anticipated to come to the regular Planning Commission meeting on December 11 with a final report.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

*Meeting Minutes drafted and submitted by  
City Clerk Mary Lavelle,  
acting as Recording Secretary*

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- SPECIAL PRESENTATION** Comments from the Commission on the California Circle study area were:
- Choose landscape material along I-880 that provides interest but does not necessarily screen out views from the freeway into the site for marketing/visibility purposes.
  - Make sure signage is reasonable and attractive.
  - Design and designate residential use and density to support commercial uses. Mid- to higher density residential with commercial mixed-use considered favorable.
  - Accommodate public transit.
  - Gateway feature at I-880 and California Circle is good. Water features in the study area are excellent.
  - Central urban design emphasis at California Circle and Cadillac Court is excellent.
  - Incorporate cultural activities in the area. Consider existing cultural centers.
  - Expand on and emphasize safe pedestrian walkability and creek walk.
  - Improve creek edge appearance.
  - Design park and open space areas to be publically accessible.
  - Retain the existing hotel and expand with new hotel use and complimentary uses such as convention or museum use.
  - Study ways to improve and enhance I-880 views to attract travelers to stop, visit, shop and live there.
  - Convention center, tech museum, theater, farmers mark village concepts are positive uses and work with hotels. Provide hotel anchors.
  - Iconic architecture will draw interest in area.
  - Design and inviting plan to attract visitors.
  - Carefully place retail land use in key locations.
  - Further develop and promote creek walk and pedestrian circulation ways/trails

and related concepts.

- Focus on vibrancy and public open space connections along entire creek.
- Consider connections to the disconnected neighborhoods to the east.

Comments from the Commission on the Main Street/Serra study area were:

- Provide uses and design places for young people.
- Gateway concept and possible pedestrian crossing at Calaveras concept is excellent and should be refined.
- Design plazas and iconic buildings in key locations
- Create night life with safe walkways, civic features, movie theater
- Closing of Abel Street and opening up adjacent creek has challenges. Consider street widths modifications in combination with an enhanced creek walk.
- Performing arts, tech walk, higher density residential with commercial mixed-use should be encouraged.
- New parking structure near Main and Calaveras appeared appropriate for location.
- Convention center, healthy plaza with bike path, restaurant row along Main Street concept of interest.
- Parking should be seriously considered in each scenario.
- Future connections over railroad track are very long term objectives.