



CITY OF MILPITAS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
APPROVED MINUTES
February 8, 2010

- I. Call to Order** Mayor Robert Livengood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Present were Council Member Althea Polanski, City Manager Tom Williams, Economic Development Manager Diana Barnhart and Recording Secretary Veronica Bejines.
- II. Approval of the Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda.
M/S: Polanski/Livengood Ayes: 2 Noes: 0
- III. Approval of Minutes** MOTION to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009.
M/S: Polanski/Livengood Ayes: 2 Noes: 0
- IV. Public Forum** There were no requests to speak.
- V. Conf. Center** Diana Barnhart, Economic Development Manager, presented the top three finalists (Group 4, Fentress, and ELS) for the Conference Center architects along with a summary of the interviews for Council Subcommittee discussion and direction. Staff recommends Fentress Architects as the architect for the proposed Silicon Valley Conference Center.

Mayor Livengood asked what the name is of the proposed conference center and Ms. Barnhart said Silicon Valley Conference Center. Mayor Livengood suggested adding the word Milpitas to the title and Councilmember Polanski agreed.

Mayor Livengood asked which team members reviewed all of the architects and City Manager Tom Williams said Diana Barnhart, Keyvan Irannejad, James Lindsay and Greg Armendariz.

Mayor Livengood asked if staff's recommendation was unanimous and City Manager Williams said yes.



Mayor Livengood said the Council Subcommittee reviewed staff's recommendation and presentations, and will allow for questions and a three minute presentation by each group. The Council Subcommittee will then make a recommendation to the full City Council.

Councilmember Polanski asked each team if they are selected, will they be committed throughout the project and how they plan on incorporating green standards in the project.

Mayor Livengood introduced the Architects.

Mike Winters with Fentress Architects, introduced his team and said if they are chosen, they are ready to start immediately. With regard to LEED practices, they have 48 LEED professionals.

Mayor Livengood asked Mr. Winters if Fentress Architects worked on the Santa Clara Convention Center and Mr. Winters said they provided a feasibility analysis for the Convention Center.

David Sturges with Group 4 Architects introduced his team and noted that they designed the Milpitas library and their partner Conventional Wisdom has planned many conference centers from California to Dubai.

Principal Planner with ELS Architects said there are tremendous opportunities with the conference center and that they will be willing to work with staff to accomplish the right goals.

Mayor Livengood thanked the architects for the presentations and said all of their design work is pretty good. He is leaning towards giving the City Council a couple of choices and recommends taking Fentress Architects and Group 4 to the City Council for their recommendation.

Councilmember Polanski said she is very impressed with the work of all three architects and appreciates staffs recommendation of Fentress Architects and agrees that Group 4 did a great job with the Milpitas Library. She agreed with the Mayor to take both of the architects to City Council for their recommendation.

Ms. Barnhart asked if the architects could do a brief presentation to City Council and Mayor Livengood said they could do the same presentation they did tonight.



MOTION to move Group 4 Architects and Fentress Architects to City Council.

M/S: Livengood/Polanski

Ayes: 2 Noes: 0

VI. Future Items

Mayor Livengood asked about an update for Freeway Signs and Ms. Barnhart said she is working with McCarthy Ranch and Piercey Toyota and will have an update next month.

VII. Adjournment

Mayor Livengood adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m. to the March 15, 2010 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Bejines, Recording Secretary