

City of Milpitas/Milpitas Unified School District
Communication Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING
January 6, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
455 East Calaveras Boulevard
Milpitas, CA 95035

Attending for the City of Milpitas were City Manager Tom Williams, Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, Council member Althea Polanski, Police Chief Dennis Graham, City Attorney Mike Ogaz, Planning and Neighborhood Services Director James Lindsay and Parks and Recreation Services Director Bonnie Greiner

Attending for MUSD were Supt. Karl Black, School Board President Marsha Grilli, School Board Vice President Mike Mendizabal, and John Cimino, Director of Facilities

Status of High School Swimming Pool

Superintendent Dr. Black announced that the School District is in need of a new high school pool which would cost \$2 million dollars. The high school pool has not been used the entire school year and he is concerned because kids need to learn how to swim and they are trying to save the swim team for the season. The School District does have a back up pool on Yosemite Drive but it is not adequate for a swim team because the heater does not work. The pool will be shutting down on May 1st and it will be closed in the summer. He would like to look at a joint use with the City such as a community pool or aquatic center, where there would be swim meets and competitions and felt this would be a good source of revenue for hotels and restaurants.

Facilities Director Cimino added that the high school pool is 40 years old and would not meet code requirements.

Vice Mayor McHugh asked if this is something that could be covered by the School District's proposed parcel tax. Superintendent Dr. Black said they are trying to hold on to what they have and do not want to include it in the parcel tax. He suggested setting up a task force with the City for proportional sharing.

City Attorney Ogaz said that for a special tax we need a 2/3 vote; that we cannot approve on a 50 plus percent like school districts can do for their bonds.

Facilities Director Cimino said that joint use is state funded and is really encouraged between city's and school districts.

Vice Mayor McHugh asked if the committee can get a commitment from the City and MUSD that they work together on resources for an aquatic center. Councilmember Polanski added that she would like a status report from both agencies by March 3rd. Superintendent Dr. Black and City Manager Williams agreed.

Director Greiner noted that the Parks Master plan looked at a 25 yard indoor pool in the back of the sports center where the back parking lot is.

Update on Joint Use Agreement

City Attorney Ogaz noted that the Joint Use Agreements have been approved by the School District and the City and the tennis court agreement is terminated. The Community garden agreement is in final form.

City Attorney Ogaz provided proposed language for the Joint Use Agreements with the School District regarding care and shelter services to all Milpitas residents. After further discussion, the Committee did not have any changes to the proposed language.

School Board Vice President Mendizabal asked who is responsible for declaring a state of emergency. City Manager Williams said he is responsible by opening the EOC and informing the City Council.

Update on Developments

Director Lindsay noted there were no new developments since the last meeting and 2010 is expected to be slow with no new developments.

MUSD Parcel Tax on This Year's Ballot

Superintendent Dr. Black explained the MUSD Parcel tax for June 8, 2010. They will bring the proposed parcel tax to the next School Board meeting on January 26th. The proposed parcel tax would be \$84 a year for five years and will get them approximately \$1.1 million a year. There are 17,000 parcels and he is basing this on 15,000 parcels this year. He is hoping to get help from everyone and is trying to keep competitive.

Vice Mayor McHugh suggested adding a resolution on the February City Council Agenda supporting the School District's parcel tax ballot.

Councilmember Polanski pointed out that Governor Schwarzenegger said he would not cut education this time around.

Vice Mayor McHugh said the City Council discussed teenage binge drinking and would like to propose something to the School District. Councilmember Polanski added that the Police Chief had come up with good ideas that would be cost effective.

City Attorney Ogaz advised that under the Brown Act, since this item was not agendized, the Committee could table the item to the next meeting.

Councilmember Polanski requested that teenage binge drinking be agendized at the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Greiner announced that the Sports Center will be holding an open house on Saturday, January 9, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Sports Center will be open to the public and will have sessions ranging from 30 minute yoga, yogalates, personal trainers, sponsors, and badminton.

Dates of Future Meetings

May 5, 2010 – 4:30 p.m. – City Hall

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:10 p.m.