

Milpitas Unified School District/City of Milpitas
Communication Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 2, 2011, 4:30 p.m.

City of Milpitas 1st Floor Committee Conference Room
455 East Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035

Attending for MUSD were Supt. Karl Black, School Board President Marsha Grilli, School Board Vice-President Dan Bobay, and Michelle Dimas, Asst. Supt. of Educational Services.

Attending for the City of Milpitas were Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, Council Member Debbie Giordano, City Manager Tom Williams, City Counsel Michael Ogaz, and City Planning and Neighborhood Services Director James Lindsay.

Transit Area Plan Update

City Manager Williams announced that the City signed the final documents for the acquisition of the Carl Berg Property. James Lindsay, Planning and Neighborhood Services Director, announced that they were successful to secure ten acres. City Manager Williams added that the City acquired the property with redevelopment funds and it will not be part of any reduction that may occur.

Charter School Proposal

Planning and Neighborhood Services Director James Lindsay introduced Ercan Aydogdu, Project Coordinator with Magnolia Education and Research Foundation, who made a presentation for a proposed Charter School in Milpitas.

Superintendent Karl Black said this Charter School has already been approved by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and so he knew they would be coming to the City. He asked if the Charter School allows special education students, where would the school be located and how large would the school be. He also felt that this discussion would have been more appropriate at a School Board Meeting.

Yasin Osyer with Magnolia School said they do not want to compete with the School District but want to cooperate. They are not a private school but a public charter school and are open to all students including special education students. He also mentioned they are looking for locations in Milpitas and are working with the Planning Department to open up a facility in the Fall.

Councilmember Giordano asked if the Charter School would just be for Milpitas students and Mr. Osyer said enrollment would be countywide, not just Milpitas. He also said there is a 250 student limitation for the first year.

Vice Mayor McHugh asked what are the rules/regulations involved with a Charter School. Mr. Lindsay said they would be classified as a private or public school. Magnolia has asked the City about different locations some of which they would be prohibited from moving into, other locations that they are allowed they would have to follow the use permit process through the Planning Commission hearing for approval.

Michelle Dimas, Asst. Supt. of Educational Services, asked if the Planning Department would consider traffic concerns and Mr. Lindsay said staff would have to analyze it.

Vice Mayor McHugh said that City Staff will work with Magnolia School and encourage communication with the School Board.

Announcements

School Board President Marsha Grilli announced that the School District Crab Feed was successful and had a profit of \$31,000.

Vice Mayor McHugh announced that the City Council had a preview of the City's budget solutions and everything is on the table including the DARE Program and the Raising a Reader Program. The Police Chief will be coming back with possible solutions for the DARE Program.

Councilmember Giordano said she would like to bring alternatives to the DARE Program to the next meeting and felt the program should be shared with the School District. Vice Mayor McHugh agreed.

Vice Mayor McHugh added that there may be modifications to the literacy program.

Councilmember Giordano, who is the liaison to the Youth Advisory Commission, mentioned that one of the students wants to know if the Milpitas High School swim team can use the Sport Center's swimming pool. Dr. Black said the high school swim coach should contact Parks and Recreation Services Director Bonnie Greiner directly.

Vice Mayor McHugh suggested that the high school coach write a letter to the City Manager via Ms. Greiner.

Councilmember Giordano said she would like to see the following items on the next agenda: 1) Joint use of the swimming pool, and 2) DARE Program.

Dates of Future Meetings

May 4, 2011 – 4:30 p.m. - MUSD

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.