

Milpitas Unified School District/City of Milpitas
Communication Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 5, 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. Cary Matsuoka, School Board President Marsha Grilli and School Board Vice-President Dan Bobay.

Attending for the City of Milpitas were Vice Mayor Pete McHugh, Council Member Debbie Giordano, City Manager Tom Williams, City Planning and Neighborhood Services Director James Lindsay, Police Chief Dennis Graham, Fire Chief Brian Sturdivant, Economic Development Manager Diana Barnhart and Parks and Recreation Director Bonnie Greiner.

Transit Area Plan Update

James Lindsay, Planning and Neighborhood Services Director, gave an update on the Transit Area Plan.

Vice Mayor McHugh asked if Robson Homes sold to D.R. Horton and James Lindsay said he was not sure and that he would look into it.

School Board Vice-President Dan Bobay asked how the phasing will occur. Mr. Lindsay said that the 700 units in question will get built under market demand, that the absorption rate is low and they are expecting a long sales period. There are a lot of people moving to Milpitas. The rental market is very strong, but they are mapping it for a long turn around in the market unit.

Character Counts

Police Chief Graham announced that Character Counts has started instruction at St. John's School. It is a six week course and Police Officer Mark Doyle is teaching the class.

School Board President Marsha Grilli said she has not seen the graduation school list yet and Police Chief Graham said he will make sure the School District receives a copy.

Joint Financing Opportunities

Superintendent Matsuoka announced he attended a meeting with Councilmember Gomez, City Manager Williams, and School Board President Marsha Grilli to discuss

joint financing opportunities. The School District will be proceeding with a needs assessment for municipal services, and will follow that up with a service about financing city services in late January, early February for the second survey. Superintendent Matsuoka felt this was an opportunity for the City and School District to come together. He said it is his understanding that it has to be put on the ballot by the City Council. City Manager Williams added that it is a thought process and that the survey needs to be done first. It is also very sensitive and the City would need more information from the community.

Councilmember Giordano asked if the City has done this before and City Manager Williams said no, that the legal department would have to look into it. He also said that they talked about the same consultant designing the same survey.

Councilmember Debbie Giordano asked if the City and the School District looked into sharing of costs, and if the City has considered bringing in a consultant.

City Manager Williams said the City is currently in a partnership with other cities and Councilmember Giordano suggested that this item be added to a future agenda.

District General Obligation Facility Bond - June 2012

Superintendent Matsuoka presented general obligations for a facility bond in June 2012, and said that even years is an ideal window. The last bond was 16 years, and said money is needed for technology, HVAC system, infrastructure, land set aside, and to build a school.

Councilmember Giordano asked what about capital improvement money. Superintendent Matsuoka said they are not even funding deferred maintenance from the State.

Superintendent Matsuoka said they will be having a polling consultant between Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving, and will have perception data about the School District. The timeline for the School Board would be the end of February 2012, 88 days before June 2012.

Councilmember Giordano asked when is the last time the School District completed a facilities need assessment and School Board President Grilli said in 1994.

Superintendent Matsuoka said there will be joint polls over the phone in the English, Vietnamese and Spanish language, based on the registered voters. The phone poll would take between 12 to 13 minutes long. He said typically, you cannot ask about the School District and the City, but questions could be overlapped.

Councilmember Giordano asked what percentage of the poll results the School District is looking at. Superintendent Matsuoka said they are looking at a

percentage between the low to mid 60% range. If it is in the 50% range, they might need to look at it again.

Enrollment Study

Superintendent Matsuoka announced that demographer Tom Williams will provide information to the School District in November on birth rates, housing rates, and K-12 population. Currently, Zanker elementary is full and the majority of the schools are really full. The information will help to determine school capacity and how big MHS will get in ten years. MHS currently has 3,000 students right now, and if it gets to 3,300, they might have to look at another school.

Swimming Pool

City Manager Williams said the City is not in the position to help with a new swimming pool for the high school.

School Board Vice-President Dan Bobay said the pool at the high school is ancient and needs to be replaced. The swimming team cannot practice and something has to be done. Superintendent Matsuoka said they would like to talk and explore about bringing something back in January or February.

Announcements

School Board President Marsha Grilli asked the City when they will know the impact of Redevelopment funds and the City Manager said in January.

Vice Mayor Pete McHugh asked what is the status of the County lawsuit and City Manager Williams said that it happened two weeks ago and the City will know the ruling in 90 days.

Councilmember Giordano announced that a constituent is interested in getting their home rezoned from Spangler and asked what the process is. School Board President Marsha Grilli said the same individual came to the last Board meeting.

Superintendent Matsuoka said he is going to look at current policies and guidelines. The School District has open enrollment in March, and a student can apply for a transfer only to a school that is open. Superintendent Matsuoka said the constituent should contact the School District directly.

Dates of Future Meetings

TBD - MUSD

Adjournment

The meeting ended at 5:25 p.m.