



CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE Approved Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, April 6, 2009, 9:00 am

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Mayor Bob Livengood, Council Member & Chair
Debbie Giordano

Quorum was established

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

2. Public Forum *Please limit comments to 3 minutes*

There were no comments during Public Forum

3. Approval of agenda

Mayor Livengood requested item # 8 is discussed prior to item #4.

James Lindsay, Planning and Neighborhood Services Director, requested the minutes also be approved with the approval of agenda because it was omitted from this agenda.

The minutes of the March 2, 2009 meeting were approved.

4. Receive presentation on the Serra Center redevelopment proposal.

James Lindsay made a brief presentation of the Serra Center development proposal referring to the conceptual renderings within the agenda packet. The Serra Center mixed use development would incorporate retail, office, hotel, and residential uses as shown:

Retail	277,061 Sq. Ft
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Restaurants	58,404 Sq. Ft.
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Office	235,949 Sq. Ft.
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Residential	45 units
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Hotel	291 rooms (includes existing Days Inn)
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Mr. Lindsay stated the Serra Center proposal will be presented at the Planning Commission at the April 22 meeting, and then proceeds to the City Council in

May for review. After these meetings, public outreach and technical studies will follow.

Mr. Lindsay introduced Kirk Ellis from Perkowitz & Ruth Architects. Mr. Ellis represents the Serra Center Ownership Group as the architect for the project. Mr. Ellis shared a 3-D model walking the Subcommittee through different views within the proposed project.

Mayor Livengood suggested the gateway be moved from the corner of Serra Drive and Calaveras Blvd. to the eastern location to be viewed from Hwy 237 and I-880. The Mayor requested that phasing of the project to be included in the details and suggested that the project completely tears down the existing building as opposed to having a mix of old and new buildings. Council member Giordano agreed.

Mayor Livengood also requested the hotel and residential be reconsidered as well as the layout.

5. Consider the Milpitas Alternative for the Valley Transportation Authority Board restructuring (*details of the recommended alternative are provided in the attached staff member*)

Greg Armendariz, City Engineering and Public Works Director, reviewed the proposed VTA Governance options. A revised set of options was provided to the Subcommittee. Mr. Armendariz reviewed the options and stated the staff preferred option was to move Milpitas with the Cities of Santa Clara and Sunnyvale, taking Milpitas' seat to the new grouping, to have 3 seats at the VTA Board. In return, the County representative would move to the new South County grouping with Morgan Hill and Gilroy. Mr. Armendariz mentioned this movement of the County could consist of just one or both County seats moving to the South County grouping. The number of seats on the South County group would be 2.

Janice Spuller, Assistant Transportation Planner, added at the last Milpitas-Morgan Hill-Gilroy VTA Board grouping meeting, Gilroy stated they were willing to have Milpitas have the alternate seat for calendar year 2009 *in exchange for* our movement to the grouping with Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. This item will be discussed at the VTA Administrative & Finance Committee in September with a recommendation to the VTA Board in October. In the event, this new recommendation is approved, a discussion on who the interim MGM Board member for calendar year 2010 while the new groups transition will have to be had in the next few months.

Council Member Giordano and Mayor Livengood agreed with the staff recommended option. This item will be at the April 21 City Council meeting for formal approval.

6. Receive report on community outreach for the Park Victoria Drive and Kennedy Drive Resurfacing Projects

This item was continued from the March 2, 2009 meeting to discuss in technical detail. Jaime Rodriguez, Traffic Engineer, presented this item referring to a PowerPoint presentation. From Mr. Rodriguez's presentation, the average daily traffic volumes and Level of Service (LOS) will change minimally with the reduction of Park Victoria Drive from 4 travel lanes to 2 travel lanes with a center turn lane. In addition, the road conversion is anticipated to serve as traffic calming and restrict the cut-through traffic of vehicles going to I-680. At Park Victoria and Kennedy Drive, a median island will be installed with a stop sign to provide more visibility at the crosswalk.

Mayor Livengood confirmed the roadway changes are not driven by traffic but to just add bicycle lanes. He also asked if there are any parking spaces affected with this project.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that 10 spaces will be removed with this project. A public meeting was held in February and one of the property owners accepted this proposal as a way to prevent vehicles parking in front of his home.

The Subcommittee recommended approval to the City Council.

7. Receive report on the proposed Calaveras Boulevard Widening Traffic Impact Fee

Joe Oliva, Principal Transportation Planner, presented this item referring to a PowerPoint presentation. The Calaveras Boulevard widening project consists of rebuilding the bridge between Milpitas Blvd and Abel Street to accommodate six travel lanes (3 in each direction) and include sidewalks and bicycle lanes. This project ranked number 2 in the Valley Transportation Plan 2035 countywide.

The total cost of the project between Town Center Drive and Abel Street is approximately \$55 million. Twenty percent (\$11 million) is the required local match with eighty percent (\$44 million) coming from the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funding. A nexus study was completed in February 2009 that analyzed different options to collect from new development outside the Transit Area Specific Plan. Funding of the local match is expected to come from the Transit Area Specific Plan TIF (\$5.2 million), Carlo Street Ramp Conversion Project (\$1.5) million and the remaining \$4.35 million from the proposed Calaveras Blvd Widening TIF.

Mr. Oliva stated staff will conduct public outreach and return to the City council with findings and a recommendation.

This item was noted, receipt and filed.

8. Receive progress report on the Green Building Ordinance (a background memo with a draft framework has been provided as an attachment)

James Lindsay with Keyvan Irranejad, Chief Building Official, present, reviewed the draft framework of the Green Building Ordinance. As requested by the City Council, staff was directed to bring this ordinance to the Council by August. Mr.

Lindsay and Mr. Irranejad have been reaching out to stakeholders in the construction groups also comparing what other cities have done.

As a starting point, staff took the “build it green” rating system and the LEED grading system for all non-residential construction. Mr. Lindsay distributed a comparison sheet of Green Building Ordinance Comparisons between the draft Milpitas proposal and the Cities of San Jose, Sunnyvale and Palo Alto. Staff’s recommendation is a 50-point level within the green point rating system. One concern from the stakeholders group is the certification process is costly and time consuming. A solution that will be proposed is that staff be trained to determine compliance at these levels so the builder does not have to go to a third party plan-checker and incur costs and time delay.

Mr. Lindsay stated the next steps are to take the outline provided in the agenda packet, place it in ordinance format and present to the City Council before the July recess.

Council Member Giordano asked if staff will be modeling other cities’ ordinances. Mr. Lindsay stated that the ordinance will be similar to that of San Jose’s but differing in the certification process.

9. Other business

There was no other business

10. Set time and date for next meeting: Monday, May 4, 2009, 3:00 PM

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.