



**CITY COUNCIL
TRANSPORTATION &
LAND USE
SUBCOMMITTEE
Approved Meeting Minutes**

Date/Time: Tuesday May 22, 2012, 2:00 pm

Where: City Hall Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Council Member Gomez (Chair) via teleconference, Council Member Polanski

Quorum was established

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

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

There were no speakers during public forum

3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes*

The agenda and minutes were approved. The Subcommittee requested item 5B on the agenda be discussed prior to 5A

4. Announcements

There were no announcements

5. New Business

A. Rental or Lease of Sal Cracolice Building for Charter Academy School

City Manager stated the Magnolia Science Academy has two campuses in Santa Clara and in the Los Angeles area. The school is a public charter school focusing on math and science. They are looking to locate in the Milpitas area. They are a public school like Milpitas Unified. He stated MUSD didn't disagree with it, but didn't like the idea because their funding is based on attendance. The school approached the City with a mid-term, 3-4 year land-lease of the Cracolice building. Mr. Williams asked the Subcommittee if there was any interested at all, and if so, to outreach to the public, such as the neighboring KB Homes HOA. Mr. Williams introduced a representative from Magnolia Schools.

Tim Saka, Principal for Magnolia Science Academy in Santa Clara. He was thankful for the City for considering them. He stated Magnolia School in Los Angeles considered by USA today as the best schools in the nation as well as other news media for college prep. They have county approval for a school in San Jose, Santa Clara and Milpitas. He stated only 50% of students move on to college, with their goal from 6th grade to get them to move on to college.

The initial study for Santa Clara is for 100 students in the first year. They now have 230 students in Santa Clara, then expanding next year 500 students, with a

waiting list. Parents are interested in having a Milpitas and San Jose schools open. Many parents living in Milpitas are interested in this program. It is free, and a lottery system. They have already 100 parents with applications into this program for Milpitas. As other branches grow from 200 to 500 then they would want to get a bigger building. The goal is to open with 150-200 students with a couple classes, then look for options for within Milpitas to grow. He mentioned this is a County-wide charter school, so they are open to all County-wide students.

Council Member Polanski asked if they are chartered through the County office of Education. She asked how it is funded. Mr. Saka replied it is funded from the City property taxes, also from the State Board of Education. She asked when they were approved as a County Charter. He said 4 years ago. The first priority was Santa Clara, the second priority is Milpitas, and then San Jose. They have an extension this year and would like to open August 14 of this year.

Council Member Gomez asked what the recommendation is. He was hoping this discussion would be presented to the Council. Mr. Williams stated the Council can review this June 5.

Council Member Polanski stated if this is something to approve for June 5, she would like to reach out to the neighborhoods. She asked what the hours. He stated 8am-4pm. Classes end at 3pm, with tutoring thereafter. If there are other buildings down the road, then maybe open up a high school branch in another building, Magnolia school is open to ideas.

Mr. Williams stated if the Subcommittee would like to pursue this, staff can pursue outreach with the Homeowners' Associations in the area, and then review with the Council on June 5. Mr. Williams stated they would pursue a market lease rate for the building to get an idea of what a reasonable land lease would be for the building. Council Member Gomez stated he just wants to make sure the Council reviews this and the entire community is aware of this. Thereafter, Mr. William states, there can be a lease negotiation.

Mr. Williams stated that the classes now can be relocated to the Senior Center or Sports Center. He stated more likely the Senior Center. Council Member Polanski asked for more details on what classes would be relocated at the Council Meeting.

Council Member Polanski stated she believes it does serve a need and should take forward to the Council and do the outreach. It will fill a need for a lot of people.

Staff will perform outreach to the KB Homeowners Association.

The Subcommittee will move forward with the Magnolia School lease.

6. Adjourn

Council Member Gomez asked if they could meet bi-monthly. Council Member Polanski agreed.

The next meeting will be August (with a July recess). If anything comes up before that, then staff will contact the Subcommittee.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.