

**City of Milpitas
Economic Development Commission
Monday, August 11, 2008**

APPROVED MINUTES

I. Flag Salute: Vice Chair Frank De Smidt led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Dhaval Brahmbhatt then called the meeting to order at 6:06p.m. and announced a quorum for the meeting.

II Roll Call: Commissioners Present: Vice Chair Frank De Smidt, Minh Nguyen, Don Peoples, Zeya Mohsin and Chair Dhaval Brahmbhatt.

Excused Absence: Commissioners Charlene Tsao, Robyn Cornell, Ray Maglalang, and Tomo Nguyen.

City Staff: Diana Whitecar, Economic Development Manager

III. Announcements: Ms. Whitecar announced that they Mayor would not be attending the meeting. She provided an update on economic development activities over the summer. The Chair and Vice Chair also announced activities. Chair Brahmbhatt questioned whether the Commission had any interest in a study to consider a specific area for future development in Milpitas given the state of the economy.

IV. Public Forum: Richard Ruth was in attendance.

V. Approval of Agenda: Ms. Whitecar indicated that the Parking Task Force item would not be heard, as the Parking Task Force has not addressed the recommendations. Motion to approve as amended: M/S Peoples/DeSmidt. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Approval of Minutes: Approval for December 4, 2007 Minutes. M/S DeSmidt/Peoples. Motion passed unanimously. The minutes of the June 9, 2008 meeting were not acted on and held to the September meeting.

VII. Unfinished Business:

1. Housing Market Study: There was considerable discussion about whether the recommendation was limiting in that it did not address all types of housing and seemed to focus only on Executive Housing. There was also considerably discussion about the need to provide rental housing and to have it in the recommendation to the City Council. Mr. Ruth made comments and suggested that the Commission present the recommendations to the Council as opposed to it being on the consent calendar. M/S – Peoples/M. Nguyen to approve the memo as amended (See attached). Motion passed 3 – 1 – 1, with Commissioner Mohsin abstaining and Vice Chair DeSmidt voting against.

VIII. New Business

1. Water Treatment Plan Master Plan Update: Leslie Stobbe presented information on the upcoming Master Plan Update which generated enthusiastic discussion. Commissioner Peoples volunteered to serve on the Citizens Oversight Committee and Chair Brahmbhatt indicated that he would contact some local industrial businesses to see if they would also participate.

X. EDC Subcommittee Reports – No reports submitted.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

XI. Adjournment to September 8, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Whitecar
Economic Development Manager