



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Chair Peoples; Vice Chair Brahmhatt; Commissioners Ablaza, Grilli, Suri, and Wettenstein; City Staff Diana Barnhart and Recording Secretary Veronica Bejines

Excused Absence: Commissioners Bhambra, McEvoy, M. Nguyen, C. Nguyen, and Tsao

I. Flag Salute

Chair Peoples called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call and Approval of Alternates

Chair Peoples called for Roll and Alternate Commissioner Suri was seated as part of the voting body.

III. Announcements.

Mayor Esteves talked about the major budget crisis in Milpitas and also mentioned that he appointed new members to the Planning Commission. He also mentioned that there are two openings on the Economic Development Commission from Paul Mulder and Michelle Yu.

Vice Chair Brahmhatt arrived at 6:11 p.m.

Ms. Barnhart announced that LA Fitness will be occupying part of the old Mervyns building and that E20 Semiconductor bought a facility on Sycamore. Staff also had good dialogue with a potential purchaser of the McCarthy Ranch marketplace.

Chair Peoples pointed out vacancies are coming down and rent is coming up.

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

There were no comments during Public Forum.

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion: to approve the agenda.

Motion/Second: Suri/Wettenstein

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

VI. Approval of Minutes – October 10, 2011

Motion: to approve the October 10, 2011 Unapproved Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Suri/Wettenstein

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 3

Noes: 0

Abstain: 3 (Brahmhatt, Peoples, and Grilli)

VII. Old Business

A. Abandoned and Vacated Properties

Motion: that those property owners of rezone or approved projects are required to maintain the buildings and site as if the buildings were occupied. Those property owners of vacated sites/buildings are required to maintain the site/buildings as if they were occupied. Those property owners of shopping centers or multi-tenant office properties are required to maintain the exterior building and grounds and interior areas visible from the street as if they were occupied.

Motion/Second: Grilli/Wettenstein

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Ms. Barnhart said she will take this recommendation to the February 7, 2012 City Council meeting.

B. South Main Street Entry Sign

This project is on hold pending further action of the Public Art Committee.

C. Conditional Use Permit Subcommittee Status Report

Motion: that the Commission take action to support the Conditional Use Permit streamlining measures presented at the Commission mtg.

Motion/Second: Grilli/Brahmbhatt

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 6

Noes: 0

Ms. Barnhart said she will take this recommendation to the January 25, 2012 Planning Commission meeting.

D. Subcommittee Updates

Ms. Barnhart said she still wants to look into hosting a focus group with brokers/facility managers to determine what these companies are looking for and will keep the Commission posted.

VIII. New Business

A. Election of Chair/Vice Chair for 2012

Commissioner Ablaza re-nominated Don Peoples for Chair and Dhaval Brahmbhatt as Vice Chair. Commissioner Suri seconded the nomination.

Motion: to elect Don Peoples as Chair for the 2012 year and Dhaval Brahmbhatt as Vice Chair for the 2012 year.

Motion/Second: Ablaza/Suri

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0

B. MUSD Update

Commissioner Grilli gave an update about the new technology and student growth in the schools. She also pointed out that the Milpitas Unified School District is expecting 3,100 students at Milpitas High School and are already at capacity at nine elementary schools. If the Governor's plan fails, the State will take away another \$5 million away from the Schools in November.

C. Commission Calendar for 2012 – conflicts for February and November

Motion: to cancel the February 13, 2012 and to meet on November 5, 2012.

Motion/Second: Ablaza/Suri

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0

IX. Adjourn- The Commission adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012.