

**CITY OF MILPITAS**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

- Minutes:** Regular Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
- Date of Meeting:** May 5, 2008
- Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
- I. Call to Order** Chair Munzel called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
- II. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Munzel, Krommenhock, Ku, Gray, Chang , Cacao and Serena  
Commissioner Excused: Matau  
Councilmember Absent: Gomez  
City Staff Present: Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor; Salia Lopa, Public Services Assistant; Bonnie Greiner, Parks and Recreation Director; James Lindsay, Planning & Neighborhood Services Director.
- IV. Seating of Alternates** Alternate Cacao seated.
- V. Approval of Agenda** **Motion** to approve the agenda for April 7, 2008  
With Noted changes: Move New Business items, #1 Youth Sports Grant Request (Bonnie Greiner) and #2 Status Report of the Parks Master Plan (Bonnie Greiner) before Old Business item, then return to Old Business item.  
  
M/S: Krommenhock/Serena  
  
Ayes: 7  
  
Excused: 1
- VI. Approval of Minutes** **Motion** to approve the minutes for March 3, 2008  
  
M/S: Krommenhock/Ku  
  
Ayes: 6  
Excused: 1  
Abstained: 1
- VII. Public Forum** None.
- VIII. Announcements and Correspondence**  
  
Senior Supervisor Carol Randisi made the following announcements:

- Ms. Randisi thanked all the Milpitas high school and middle school students, Chair Munzel, the Mayor and the CAC for attending the Arbor Day tree planting event which was held on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A special Memorial Day ceremony will be held to honor local service men and women who have given their lives in the cause of freedom. Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Veterans Memorial Park Civic Center Plaza.

## IX. Old Business

### 1. **Presentation of the Proposed Parks, Public Spaces and Trails Policies within the Draft Transit Area Specific Plan (James Lindsay, Planning & Neighborhood Services Director)**

James Lindsay introduced himself and Scott Gregory of the consulting firm Lamphier-Gregory to the commission. Mr. Gregory informed the commission that the Draft Area Specific Plan (the plan) was started in 2005, and provides for improvement, redevelopment and anticipated future activities. Mr. Gregory's presentation included the scope of the plan and park requirements. The plan assumes 7,109 new residential units to accommodate 17,914 people. Using a standard of 2 acres of public park per 1,000 people, the plan would provide approximately 36 acres of allocated public park space. A standard of 1.5 acres of private open space per 1,000 people equals 27 acres. Total park land of 36 acres in the plan includes 21.8 acres of designated parks/plaza, 9.2 acres in linear parks/trails and 5 acres of landscape buffers, other trails and additional park space. Mr. Gregory informed the commission that the estimated cost of the land would be over \$48 million. Land dedications based on 2 acres/1,000 people, parks cannot be substituted by in-lieu fees. In lieu fees are to be collected when development projects require more park than designated on site. Park improvements estimated over \$31 million, would be paid for by new development projects, development projects encouraged to provide turn key public parks.

Commissioner Krommenhock asked if the city and school shared a combined 7 acres of park land, would it still be called a park. Mr. Lindsay responded that the City of Milpitas and the (MUSD) Milpitas Unified School District have worked together with joint usage and have been able to identify public parks. If MUSD builds a new school, the city will continue looking for new areas to continue with the joint relationship with MUSD. Commissioner Gray asked if a school was to be built what area would it be built on. Mr. Lindsay responded it would all depend on location and configuration of the size of the park/lot area. Commissioner Serena stated that with joint use between the city and the MUSD, there would be items lacking, such as public restrooms. Mr. Gregory responded that many joint use designs can be geared towards public use vs. school or private use and that they will always try to get the maximum benefit of joint use.

Commissioner Ku asked how would you define a linear park and what is the minimum width. Mr. Gregory responded that the minimum width for a linear park would be 25ft and 10ft for a pedestrian/bike trail. Chair Munzel asked how was the decision made to define the width of linear parks. Mr. Lindsay responded that the policy had to be pre approved by City Council, He stated that he can research the parks/trails master plan. Chair Munzel stated that the median strips included in the 5 acres of open space should not be considered open space. He stated that Milpitas residents would not like to hear that this is considered as open space, and added that the 5 acres listed as open space should truly be open and public space.

Chair Munzel continued by stating the area indicated on the transit plan map Figure 3-1 as a school site is much too small. He also stated that the residents want more open space. Commissioner Krommenhock stated that all the small park areas should be gathered to create a major/central park instead of having all the small parks broken up. She added that a major/central park will be suitable for not only residents but for all who want to enjoy a large park. Chair Munzel stated that the residents have been asking for a major/central park. Mr. Gregory responded that he respects the opinions of the Commission and can see that the commission has the needs of the community in mind and he values their opinions. He added that the intent is to take the total park land to provide opportunities within those neighborhoods to be equitable and fair for all. Chair Munzel responded that some parks noted on the transit plan map are smaller than the Community Garden, which is quite small. Those parks should not be considered as parks since they are so small in size.

Karl Black, Superintendent of the MUSD introduced himself to the commission. Mr. Black, in speaking on behalf of the MUSD, stated they are all in favor in the transit plan, and he would like to see a joint use school. Attending the meeting with Mr. Black were Joe Cimino of the MUSD and David R. Cartnal, Principal Architect with BFGC. Both parties have experience in creating urban and joint use elementary schools. David provided the commission with a layout of Horace Mann Elementary School; total development is 4 acres accommodating 750 children. David expressed concern that there are needs for more land and added that making good plans for new residents would depend on important factors such as transportation, economics, tax issues and quality of schools/jobs. The layout of the school includes separate play areas for specific age groups, 2 kitchen, a library, 2 stories of administration space, outdoor dining area, community center, soccer field, fencing around entire school, separate drop off area for kindergarteners, named/themed classrooms, underground parking garage for school staff, separate under grade and older grade areas. Essentially the needs of the community were met with this school site.

David presented the commission with another overview of Don Callejon School in Santa Clara, California. Don Callejon School serves children in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This 74,500 square foot school provides students and faculty with a modernized, beautiful campus for learning and recreation with a capacity of 900 students. In addition to brand new classrooms, students enjoy access to a state of the art Media Center and Computer Lab with both wireless and hand wired Internet access, a multi purpose building with a stage, wall tables and a basketball court serves as a place for assemblies, dining, plays and sports activities. Classrooms are located around a central courtyard with features an outdoor theater and grassy knolls. Outdoor play areas are divided into four areas for daycare, kindergarten, elementary and middle school and are located adjacent to a City park. The layout of Don Callejon School include a two single story elementary school buildings (kindergarten through fifth grade), One two story middle school building (grades sixth through eighth), multipurpose building used as a cafeteria, gymnasium and auditorium, courtyard with an outdoor theater, grassy knolls, historical walkways, and a geography court and separate play areas for kindergarten, elementary and middle schools. David informed the commission that this was the last piece of undeveloped land in Santa Clara County. Lastly David stated to the commission that joint use can definitely thrive. Commissioner Serena stated that design of the

schools is as great design for San Francisco and Downtown San Jose, but not for Milpitas. Mr. Black responded that he would love to have 10-14 acres of land, however we can always do something else, it is possible and it can work.

MOTION to recommend to City Council that additional acreage is purchased through redevelopment funds to establish a 30 acre community park in the Transit Area Specific Plan.

M/S: Krommenhock/Munzel  
Ayes: 7  
Excused: 1

MOTION to recommend to City Council that the City of Milpitas enter into a joint use agreement with the Milpitas Unified School District for a 30 acre community park in the Transit Area Specific Plan.

M/S: Munzel/Krommenhock  
Ayes: 7  
Excused: 1

## **X. New Business**

### **1. Youth Sports Grant Request (Bonnie Greiner, Park and Recreation Director)**

On June 19, 2007, the Milpitas City Council approved and appropriated \$8,000.00 for the Youth Sports Assistance Fund for the 2007 - 2008 budget year. Included in the Commission packet for review and consideration is one (1) Group Youth Sports Assistance Fund application.

One (1) Group Youth Sports Assistance Fund application was received from Milpitas North Valley Bobby Sox in the amount of \$1,000, for entry fees and other travel costs for the Bobby Sox All-Star Tournament held June 21-22, 2008 in Madera, California.

The applicant meets the eligibility for the grant process. Staff has reviewed the application and found that the requested items meet the application guidelines.

There is currently a **balance of \$3,500** in the 2007 - 08 Youth Sports Assistance Fund.

Frank Martorella was in attendance to answer any questions of the commission.

MOTION to approve \$1,000 to Milpitas North Valley Bobby Sox .  
M/S: Serena/Gray  
Ayes: 7  
Excused: 1

### **2. Status Report of the Park Master Plan (Bonnie Greiner, Parks and Recreation Director)**

Ms..Greiner provided the commission with a status report of the Park Master Plan. Ms.Greiner informed the commission that a phone survey was conducted as part of the Park Master Plan, and a copy was included in the commissioners agenda packet. The majority of respondents (83%) feel that city-owned and operated parks and recreation facilities are a valuable public

resource. Residents value the recreation facilities and programs being made available to them by and/or thorough the city. A majority of residents (82%) agree with the notion that “public parks and recreation facilities and programs provided through the city play a central role in helping local residents stay fit, and thus maintain a healthy lifestyle.” Ms.Greiner also informed the commission that over 77% of residents use the parks for picnics with a satisfaction rate of 95%. Playgrounds ranked #2 at a usage percentage of 60% with a satisfaction rate of 89%, basketball ranked #3 had a usage percentage of 34% and a satisfaction rate of 93% and lastly tennis ranked #4 received a usage percentage of 31% and a satisfaction rate of 78%.

In the survey residents were asked to state the top four activities they would like added, which are swimming, trails, fitness and horseback riding. The top seven facilities that residents would like to see added are open turf areas for informal play (61%) , basketball courts and volleyball courts (9%), tennis courts, lacrosse, picnic facilities and additional trails (7%). Residents also stated that acquiring open space is the top spending priority. Commissioner Serena asked Ms.Greiner if the pools at the Sports Center are overused and packed. Ms.Greiner responded that the pools are packed with an approximate usage rate of 100-250 participants on deck during lap swim/water exercise hours. She also added that the Milpitas Tidal Waves swim team is at maximum participation with an enrollment of 100 participants during the summer months. Chair Munzel added that maybe residents want a neighborhood/community pool. Lastly Ms.Greiner informed the commission that this item will be taken back to City Council in June and she will continue to keep the commission updated on the status of this project.

### **3. June Tour (Carol Randisi, Senior Supervisor)**

**Background:** The commission annually conducts their June meeting, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, which includes a tour of park, historic sites, trails, the community garden or facilities.

Commission discussed park areas to tour and chose to tour the 3 Metro Mini Parks on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The commission will meet at 9am at the Milpitas Community Center.

## **XI. Staff Reports**

1. Industry Update – Item has been tabled to June Meeting.

## **XII. Liaison Reports**

### **1. City Council**

None

### **2. Community Advisory Commission (CAC)**

Commissioner Ku reported that a National Night Out will be held on Thursday, August 7, 2008. Harris Tree Nominations will be held in May and October.

### **3. Senior Advisory Commission (SAC)**

Commissioner Gray reported that the SAC has ongoing fundraisers, which are marketed in the Milpitas Post, she reminded the commission to look out for their ads in the Post and to please support them.

**4. Planning Commission**

Commissioner Chang reported that the Planning Commission is currently looking to have the Landscape Architects give a presentation, they would also like to have a joint meeting with the City of Fremont on their plans for their baseball park. Commissioners of the Planning Commission would also like to invite a representative from the Oakland A's and the San Francisco 49ers to provide the commission with an overview on the plans of their ballpark project. Chair Williams is concerned about the vegetation near the Elmwood facility, he would like the SCVWD (Santa Clara Valley Water District) attend a meeting and describe what they are doing about the vegetation. Mr. Williams would also like staff to give them ideas or projections on how a supermarket or mini market could come to be in the Pines neighborhood. Commissioners are requesting to have a presentation on Green Building and would also like to know when the Honda dealership will be coming to town.

**5. Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)**

None.

**6. Milpitas Historical Society**

None.

**7. Arts Commission**

None.

**8. Park & Recreation Foundation**

Commissioner Gray reported that the Park & Recreation Foundation now has a Board, all members that were invited to be part of the Board agreed. They are hoping to have a Grand Unveiling in July, which is also Parks and Recreation Month. Ms.Gray also added that they received their non-profit status and non-profit id number, they are currently in the process of putting together a marketing plan.

**XIII. Future Agenda Items**

- **Volunteer Program and Adopt-A-Park Program (August)**
- **Library Project Report (August)**

**XIV. Adjournment**

With no further business, Chair Munzel adjourned the meeting at 9:13 pm to the next scheduled meeting on June 14, 2008 at 9am at the Milpitas Community Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Salia Lopa  
Recording Secretary