



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

## Approved Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Monday, March 18, 2013 at 6:04 p.m.

**Where:** Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

**Attendants:** Councilwoman Montano, Chair Peoples, Vice Chair Brahmbhatt, Commissioners Ablaza, Ahuja, Howard, C. Nguyen, Tsao, and Wettenstein; PN&S Director Steve McHarris, Principal Housing Planner Felix Reliford, and Recording Secretary Rachelle Currie

**Excused Absence:** Commissioners Bhambhra, Grilli, and M. Nguyen

### I. **Flag Salute**

Chair Peoples called the meeting to order at 6:04pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### II. **Roll Call and Approval of Alternates**

Chair Peoples called for Roll. Vice Chair Brahmbhatt, and Commissioners C. Nguyen and Grilli are not present.

### III. **Announcements**

Councilwoman Montano reported to the Commission that at the last Council meeting, the City Council unanimously adopted a resolution pertaining to implementing a policy requesting prior notice of visits of delegations from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

She also said that Fire Department labor negotiations are on going.

Chair Peoples mentioned that he attended the Alviso Adobe Grand Opening and said that it was a great ceremony.

Planning Director McHarris reported to the Commission that he and City Manager Tom Williams attended the ICSC conference in Monterey. Commissioner Ahuja asked about businesses pitching themselves in such conference, why not come to the City and pitch their businesses. Director McHarris explained that ICSC is acting as the conduit to brokers for site information. A bigger conference is coming set in Las Vegas in May 2013. Commissioner suggested an idea about the City having a booth in the Vegas conference. Director McHarris responded that we will look into it.

Principal Housing Planner Reliford reminded everyone to turn in their Form 700 to the City Clerk's Office on or before April 1<sup>st</sup>. He also mentioned to RSVP by April 5<sup>th</sup> for the Commissioners' Recognition to be held on April 13 in the Community Center.

### IV. **Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*)**

Mr. Rob Means, 1425 Yellowstone Ave, representing Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) talked briefly about funding for a feeder system to BART and handed out a flyer about it with contact information about funding contributions and other questions citizens may have. He also asked the Commission to read SNA's three requests outlined in the document given out to everyone.

### V. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner C. Nguyen moved to approve the agenda as submitted and seconded by Commissioner Wettenstein. The motion carried unanimously.

### VI. **Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2013**

Motion: to approve the February 11, 2013 Unapproved Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Howard/C. Nguyen

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Absent: 3 (Bhambhra, Grilli, M. Nguyen)

**VII. New Business**

**A. Presentation from Mr. Ron Morgan of Community Housing Development**

Mr. Ron Morgan came in as a request from the Commission to give an overview of the non-profit housing development process. An in-depth presentation was given by Mr. Morgan, Executive Director of Community Housing Development. He mentioned that Capitol Towers housing development project in Milpitas is one of his projects although it is not advertised as such. He told the Commission that his company is a private 501c3 entity and the way it works is they only support projects they know will go forward and succeed. Question and answer between Councilwoman Montano, the Commissioners and Mr. Morgan ensued.

Due to the lateness of the evening, Item B – Review and Discuss City Ordinance to Consider Prohibiting Tobacco Smoking in Certain Areas – and Item C – Develop the Commission’s goals for the New Year and establish 2013 Work Plan – are continued to the April meeting.

**VIII. Old Business – No Reports from the Subcommittees**

**IX. Other Business – None**

**X. Upcoming Events**

**X. Adjourn** – Commissioner Ablaza moved, and Vice Chair Brahmbhatt seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm to the next regular meeting on April 8, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.