



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, January 11, 2016 at 4:03 pm

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendees: Chair Wettenstein; Vice Chair Ablaza; Commissioners Brahmbhatt (came in at 4:21pm), C. Nguyen (came in at 4:09pm), Nunez, Peoples, Wang, and both Alternate Commissioners Holthaus and Reddy were seated; Vice Mayor Montano; Economic Development Manager Edesa Bitbadal, and Recording Secretary Rachelle Currie

Excused Absence: Commissioner Tsao

Unexcused Absence: Commissioners M. Nguyen, Owens and Strle

I. **Flag Salute**

Chair Wettenstein called the meeting to order at 4:03pm and asked Commissioner Nunez to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chair Wettenstein called for Roll. Commissioners M. Nguyen, Owens, Strle and Tsao were not present. Alternate Commissioners Holthaus and Reddy were seated. The following Commissioners came in after roll call: C. Nguyen at 4:09pm and Brahmbhatt at 4:21pm.

III. **Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*) – None**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Nunez made the motion to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Peoples.

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Absent: Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Owens, Strle, and Tsao

Abstain: 0

V. **Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2015 Commission minutes**

Motion: to approve the November 9, 2015 Economic Development Commission Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Peoples / Vice Chair Ablaza

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Absent: Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, M. Nguyen, Owens, Strle, and Tsao

Abstain: 0

VI. **Announcements**

Vice Mayor Montano greeted everyone a Happy New Year! She announced a special City Council meeting scheduled on January 12, 2016 to hold a study session regarding the solid waste disposal services.

Commissioner Nunez announced a public meeting on January 13th, at the School District's office at 7:00pm where the School Superintendent will talk about impact of the school bond for the primary election in June 2016. Commissioner C. Nguyen came in at this point.

Chair Wettenstein announced the Chamber's breakfast from 7:30 to 9am at the Senior Center tomorrow, January 12th with keynote speaker Larry Stone and Edesa Bitbadal will give an update also.

Economic Development Manager Bitbadal updated the commission on events and meetings she attended in December 2015. The two events were: Go-Biz where City co-sponsored on December 9th; SV Development Alliance Brokers breakfast on December 10th. Vice Mayor asked if she has been promoting the old Mervyn's site. Economic Development Manager responded that the City is working with Shapell to help them with the appropriate market at that site. There was an application for a gym at that location however, the plan did not go through. Commissioner Nunez mentioned that if applicants fall out of line for the site, Milpitas Unified School District would like to look at that site as the future district office location. Vice Mayor Montano asked Ms Bitbadal if she's going to give a

presentation to the City Council about Super Community; Ms Bitbadal answered yes. Commissioner C. Nguyen going back to the old Mervyns site discussion said that there are a lot of gyms nearby so he's not sure that location is a good place for another one. Chair Wettenstein mentioned that the application before was for the use of the building ½ gym and ½ pet shop. At this point, Commissioner Brahmbhatt came in at 4:21pm. Chair Wettenstein asked Ms Bitbadal for an update about the lot next to Honda and Toyota dealerships. She responded saying that there's an RFP out and it is County-owned property. She inquired among everyone present who would like to attend the Silicon Valley Joint Venture State of the County Address scheduled on Friday, February 12, 2016. The Commissioners who showed up hands were: Chair Wettenstein, Vice Chair Ablaza, Commissioners Brahmbhatt, Holthaus, Reddy, and Wang. She will get back to everyone and confirm who will be attending.

VII. New Business

A. Election of Officers

Pursuant to the Commission's Bylaws, new officers for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are to be elected at the beginning of the year.

Chair Wettenstein opened the floor for Chair nominations. Commissioner Nunez nominated Vice Chair Ablaza. Commissioner C. Nguyen asked Commissioner Peoples if he's interested; Commissioner Peoples said that although he enjoyed so much before the Chair for so many years, he politely declined stating that he would like to give others the opportunity of being the Commission's Chair.

Commissioner C. Nguyen nominated Commissioner Brahmbhatt. Commissioner Nunez made the motion to close the nominations for the Chair position seconded by Commissioner Peoples. The vote was unanimous and the Commission now has Vice Chair Ablaza as the 2016 Economic Development Commission Chair.

Chair Ablaza took over and he opened the floor for the Vice Chair nominations. Commissioner C. Nguyen nominated Commissioner Brahmbhatt. As there are no other nominations, Commissioner Nunez made the motion to close the nominations for the Vice Chair position seconded by Commissioner Peoples. The vote was unanimous and the Commission now has Commissioner Brahmbhatt as the 2016 Economic Development Commission Vice Chair.

B. Update on Milpitas Super Community Activity

Ms. Bitbadal thanked Commissioner Wettenstein for being the Chair for 2015 but also for attending outside meetings and events.

Ms. Bitbadal announced that she's working on the quarterly Citywide Newsletter that will go to City Council Communications Subcommittee. Vice Mayor asked if the newsletter was reviewed by Singer Associates, she responded yes.

She wanted to update the commission regarding the Super Community event. Mr Bitbadal said that there will be a shuttle company available to Milpitas residents and visitors from Thursday through Sunday on the week of the Super Bowl. This shuttle service for Super Bowl is a pilot program that the City will use as a model to conduct what the City needs when BART station opens up. The main purpose of this shuttle service is to move residents and visitors around the City.

Vice Chair Brahmbhatt asked if we could reach out to DASH Company and make a presentation to the commission. Commissioner C. Nguyen asked for the closest shuttle stop, Chair Ablaza added a question if there will be signage. Ms Bitbadal said that the stops are still being finalized with the shuttle company and signs will be put up on those stops. All these information will also be available on the Super Community website and mobile apps. The raffle campaign called "Game of Chance" for the 2 Super Bowl tickets will start on Wednesday, January 20, 2016. The main event will happen on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 5:00pm with lighting of the City Hall building and the unveiling of the banner. Vice Mayor asked about any study made regarding traffic congestion and to please make sure that there are no trash around the City especially at SummerHills next to Lyons.

Vice Chair Brahmbhatt would like to add future agenda items: discussion on hydrogen-powered car (Toyota announced its version) and have Milpitas to be a refueling station.

Commissioner Wettenstein announced the Chamber's Crab Feed on March 4, 2016 at Napredak Hall; Commissioner Nunez announced Kiwanis' Crab Feed on February 5, 2016 at Milpitas Community Center.

VIII. Adjourn – Commissioner Nunez motioned, and seconded by Commissioner Peoples to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm to the regularly-scheduled commission meeting on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 4:30pm. The motion carried unanimously.