



**CITY COUNCIL
and
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

**701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Menlo Park City Council Chambers**

6:00 p.m. CLOSED SESSION (Administration Building First Floor Conference Room)

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 regarding potential litigation by Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Derman vs. Menlo Park. Parties present: David Boesch, City Manager, Bill McClure, City Attorney, Ruben Nino, Engineering Director and Kent Steffens, Director of Public Works.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

7:00 p.m. REGULAR MEETING (Menlo Park City Council Chambers)

Mayor Duboc announced that there was nothing to report from the Closed Session.

ROLL CALL – Duboc, Winkler, Jellins, and Kinney. Council Member Collacchi was absent.

STAFF PRESENT – David Boesch, City Manager; William McClure, City Attorney; Audrey Seymour, Assistant City Manager; Silvia M. Vonderlinden, City Clerk. Various department heads and other City staff were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

1. One vacancy on the Housing Commission to fill an un-expired term ending July 2005. The deadline for receipt of application is 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2004.
2. Two vacancies on the Las Pulgas Committee (one business member seat and one rental owner seat) to fill un-expired terms ending in March 2005. The deadline for receipt of applications is 5:30 p.m. on June 15, 2004
3. Two vacancies on the Parks and Recreation Commission to fill un-expired terms ending September 2005 and 2006. The deadline for receipt of applications is 5:30 p.m. June 15, 2004.
4. Commission Reports.

B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation in honor of the Bike to Work Week.

Mayor Duboc presented Bob Cronin, a member of the Bicycle Commission, with a proclamation marking the beginning of the Bike to Work Week. Mr. Cronin presented the Council with a bag of goodies that the bikers will receive and he invited the Council to attend the event. He thanked the City for its support and the staff that collaborated.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1 (*Limited to 30 minutes*)

Walt Harrington (with time donated by Lou Deziel) addressed the Council on the grade separation; he provided details on what he thinks are viable options. He provided maps to the City Council and said he believes the residents of Menlo Park should not accept an industrial looking wall because it would destroy the village character of the city. Mr. Harrington stated that the maximum average

height that the tracks can be raised is 48 to 50 inches. He asked Council to authorize a study not to exceed \$15,000 that would focus on the options available.

Reg Rice spoke as chairman of the Transportation Commission requesting greater communication between Council and this Commission. Mr. Rice stated that there were various items that the Commission had recommended and while these were not costly, he never got a status report on what followed. Mr. Rice would like the Council Liaison to communicate with that Commission on the various projects that the Commission forwards to the Council.

Various Council Members commended Mr. Rice for his effort to further improve communication.

Pat White stated that while he disagrees with the Council on the issue of 700 Santa Cruz and other matters, he would vote for this Council again. Mr. White is disappointed that a local newspaper is not portraying both sides of the story.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Agenda items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless members of the Council, staff or public request specific items to be removed for separate action.

Item Pulled D1

1. Authorization for the Community Development Agency's Executive Director to approve an addendum to the professional services agreement with the Denali Group to add \$15,396 to conduct additional groundwater investigations for City-owned property adjacent to 297 Terminal Avenue, resulting in a total agreement amount of \$33,566 for fiscal year 2003-04.
2. Adoption of Resolution No. 5516 authorizing a budget amendment from the General Fund Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund Balance in the amount of \$12,000 for a total project budget of \$119,724 for the underground Fuel Tank Improvement Project.
3. Adoption of Resolution No. 5517 establishing the City of Menlo Park Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for Federally funded projects for fiscal year 2003-04.
4. Acceptance of work for the Willow Place Bike and Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project.
5. Award of contract to J.J.R. Construction, Inc. for the 2003-04 Sidewalk Repair Project in the amount of \$184,835; award of contract to Precision Emprise Inc. for the 2003-04 Sidewalk Trip Hazard Removal Program in the amount of \$26,000; and authorization of a budget of \$299,935 for construction, contingencies, engineering, testing and construction administration.
6. Adoption of Resolution No. 5518 authorizing the City Manager to execute and deliver the agreement between ABAG Power and the City of Menlo Park to Wind Up Electric Program.

Item Pulled D7

7. Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of April 13, 2004.

M/S Jellins/Duboc to approve Consent Calendar items D2, D3, D4, D5, and D6. Motion carries 4-0 with Council Member Collacchi absent.

Discussion on item D1

Council Member Kinney shared concerns about the cost associated with the groundwater assessment. He would like to know the expectations for this study. City Manager Boesch stated that after the study the City would have more data. Mayor Pro Tem Winkler inquired about who is responsible should extensive groundwater contamination be found. Mr. McClure stated that the extent of the City's liability is possibly only on City property, and remediating only that contamination.

M/S Kinney/Winkler to approve Consent Calendar item D1. Motion carries unanimously.

Discussion on item D7

Mayor Duboc suggested a change on page 6 of said minutes to read on the motion portion: "...changing item 3 of the current staff report recommendation stipulating that a 75% threshold is intended for only construction that is virtually new". Ms. Duboc wanted to narrow down the 75% stipulating that is for virtually new construction.

M/S Duboc/Jellins to approve the corrected minutes for April 13, 2004. Motion carries 4-0 with Council Member Collacchi absent.

E. PUBLIC HEARING - None

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Fiscal Year 2004-2005 City Budget, Capital Improvement Program update and City Enterprise Funds balance summary.

David Boesch, City Manager, presented the staff report and Finance Director Uma Chokkalingam assisted with a slide presentation. Mr. Boesch stated that the presentation included answers to Council's previously posed questions and outlined proposed changes. He covered the three-pronged approach suggested to deal with the current deficit: 1) cost reductions 2) revenue increases and 3) a proposed first-time transfer from the general fund reserves. Mr. Boesch stated that while Council has preliminarily approved this plan, there were several modifications i.e. adding back special events, maintaining library hours on weekends before Monday holidays, and requesting additional information on the reorganization of the Community Services Department.

Mr. Boesch provided background and details on the process for the proposed restructuring of the Community Services Department. He said that the recommendation is to have two programs within this department: 1) Recreation and Physical Activities and 2) Social Services and Childcare Activities. Some of the advantages are that the City will effectively reduce the overhead in order to provide the best possible services to the community. He also explained that the justification for moving quickly with this restructuring is to expedite achieving cost savings.

The City Manager provided details on the General Fund Reserve projections and how this is estimated to play out in the next ten-years. However, the future goal is to revitalize the General Fund Reserve. The plan previously presented would have drawn \$720,000 from the reserve. Because PERS fees are \$200,000 higher than expected the new amount is about \$850,000 which will result in a \$21 million unreserved balance. Mr. Boesch stated that some good news was that the City participated in the City's Bay Area Power Pull and is expected to get a rebate of approximately \$300,000.

Mr. Boesch explained the purpose of the General Fund Reserve, which includes dealing with fiscal uncertainties and liabilities. Other capital projects that are in the works but are not in the budget will come out of this fund, such as contributing toward the building of a Menlo-Atherton performing arts theater, which the City earmarked up to \$2.6 million. Mr. Boesch also clarified that projects funded by Measure T, whether it is the Burgess Gymnasium or the Burgess Recreation Center, are not yet funded in the plan and are large expensive projects and would be a potential use for the General Fund Reserve. Other capital projects such as a facilities evaluation may show up in the future.

Council inquired about money going into reserves last year, and Mr. Boesch stated that continuing efforts to tighten the belt further, and other measures allowed the City to not tap into the General Fund Reserve, and thanks to all these measures the City was able to put money into the reserve fund. Mayor Duboc asked for confirmation that these projections do not consider any of the State take aways, and Mr. Boesch confirmed that this is the case. Mr. Boesch stated that according to estimates from the League of California Cities in the next two years it could cost the City close to half a million dollars per year due to State take aways. Council Member Kinney made comments about the fact that cities are still waiting for reimbursements from the 90's.

Mr. Boesch covered information on the service reduction criteria and how the process included giving direction to each department to present a set of cost reductions. The criteria came from the Council January 31, 2004 workshop and from the community outreach budget meetings that were conducted.

Potential impacts of cuts on community members who have limited resources were considered, and a service reduction analysis covering all 120 services that the City provides, was performed. Mr. Boesch stated that of these 120 services 37 were identified as areas for reduction. Of these 37, there were 15 that do not draw from the General Fund and so the remaining 22 were considered. Of those 22 many were already being cut.

City Manager Boesch covered the CIP Program and the five-year plan that has been approved by the City Council for a total amount of \$8.5 million, and there was agreement on the formation of a Council subcommittee to study more topics within this area. Mr. Boesch stated that there are remaining topics such as the special revenue funds and these will be further detailed in the budget document, as well as the revision of the Mission statement, which is something the Council will take up in the near future. Mr. Boesch stated that the next steps are a public hearing on June 8, 2004 and the budget is scheduled for adoption on June 22.

Public Comment

Catherine Peterson opposes the cuts to the shuttle program and she mentioned how she appreciated the helpful staff. She hopes that the auto allowance that management receives will be given up or cut to \$20,000 instead of the \$40,000. She thanked the Council for having a shuttle that helps people get around.

Bill Newell believes the shuttle bus is a valuable service to the community. He has concerns that the City will use the savings of \$19,000 to repair roads, and in his opinion he does not understand this decision. Mr. Newell stated that the City has the best reserves in the Peninsula and it is an illusion to think we have no money.

Rose Bickerstaff posed the question if we've done all we can do with this budget? Ms. Bickerstaff said she is familiar with the budget process of other companies and there were three options: 1) freeze salaries, 2) stop hiring, and 3) stop raises. Ms. Bickerstaff does not agree with the approach of reducing the hours of employees, and in her opinion when cut backs occur the two most affected groups are the seniors and the children. She asked Council to take a closer look at what is being done.

Yvette White stated that staff at the Onetta Harris Center is dedicated and good and so it would be a loss to move them away from their current positions. She asks that Council keep their positions in the current state, because they care about the kids and keep them safe. Ms. White mentioned that Mr. Williams and Mr. Johnson are good employees.

Curtis Haggins spoke on behalf of the Onetta Harris Community Center stating that because of employees like Mr. Williams, Mr. Johnson, and Ms. Carlisle many opportunities have been created at this Center. Mr. Haggins thanks this Center for the opportunities it has generated for him, and he believes it would be unfortunate to reassign or moved the above-mentioned staff.

Sandra Thomas complimented Mr. Williams for organizing a girls basketball team. Ms. Thomas stated that the team competed in Fresno, and took first place representing Menlo Park. Ms. Thomas said that her preference is to see these girls play basketball versus ending up in a bad place.

Harry Williams dedicated this meeting to the soldiers of Iraq who are dying, and to the case of Brown versus Board of Education because everybody believes in integration but the resources are not available. Mr. Williams asked the Council to keep certain jobs as they are.

Eva Piper attended the Onetta Harris Center in the past and she hopes the Council can reconsider the elimination of jobs because that Community Center has given many opportunities for people to feel part of a family. She urges the Council to not eliminate Mr. Williams and Mr. Johnson's jobs.

Frances Corby representing various disabled residents from Crane Place expressed gratitude for the shuttle service system because it gives residents mobility. She believes the shuttle system is well organized and dependable. Ms. Corby acknowledged a letter sent to the residents by Mr. Boesch, but she wonders what will happen when the contract with the shuttle system expires.

AC Greenfield is also from Crane Place and is representing 150 residents at the facility. Mr. Greenfield stated that there was a resident who is 93 years old and she depends on the shuttle for life's necessities. Mr. Greenfield mentioned various aspects of the shuttle system and how it is always on time. He thanked Ms. Helming for her work. He asked the Council not to cut the shuttle schedule because some people rely on it three times a week.

Amy Higashihara stated that while she rides her bicycle, sometimes she needs the shuttle and it is always there for her to go to a doctor's appointment or shopping. She stated that the current TSM coordinator runs the program in an efficient manner.

Michael Rodrigues spoke about the needs of those who are challenged and require help because of physical and emotional challenges. Mr. Rodrigues asks that Council look at the impact of terminating this program. He said residents rely on the shuttle for their day-to-day commitments.

Corliss Anderson works at the Onetta Harris Center and has been going to the Community Center for many years. She believes the reductions are going to be hard on the kids. Ms. Anderson stated that the Onetta Harris Center is like a family and it is beneficial to kids and teenagers. She stated that the Center helps the community with jobs. Ms. Anderson stated that staff helps kids become who they are going to be when they're older.

Tina Lee read a letter addressed to Mr. Boesch responding to his previous correspondence relating to the continuation of the shuttle service. Ms. Lee thanked Mr. Boesch for the plans of continuing with the shuttle program because it is very helpful to her.

Larry Pettis stated that he attended a Commission meeting and that he heard staff say that the Commissioners had no input on the budget. Mr. Pettis stated that Commissioners should have an opportunity to provide input. He is surprised at the plan of taking away the shuttle program and he disagrees with moving Mr. Johnson to another facility.

Mary Powell is a single parent and has three sons and she likes the programs offered at the Onetta Harris Center. She stated that Mr. Johnson has helped her children get scholarships and she is grateful for that. Ms. Powell believes there is an obligation to look after the youth and elders, and she thanked the Center for its work. She believes Mr. Johnson should remain in his current assignment.

Andrea Williams stated that she is surprised that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williams' jobs are in danger because she considers them dedicated staff. Ms. Williams said she is a committed mother who uses the Center because it is a positive place for the youth. She believes Mr. Johnson and Mr. Williams are positive figures for families who are missing a black male figure. It is important to keep the kids busy and involved in good activities. Ms. Williams believes these two City employees have been helpful in being good role models for the kids.

Sharon Green stated that she has a child that uses the Center and it is teaching children many skills. She asks the Council not to break up a village, and she disagrees with the current approach. Ms. Green mentioned that there are eight busses for Burgess Park to transport children and the Onetta Harris Center has none. She does not believe there should be separations in Menlo Park because it is one City and one community.

Priscilla Taylor, is a principal at Beechwood Elementary School, and said it is rare to find such a committed individual such as Mr. Johnson. She believes he has many connections with the Center and the community and he does a remarkable job with people and many organizations. Ms. Taylor stated that many people have benefited from Mr. Johnson's leadership.

Aaron Johnson, with time donated by Matt Henry, stated that he is not against integrating services but the issue is 130 people use the Onetta Harris Center and this is being taken away. He shared concerns about the needs of the community not being met with one person handling 130 people. He believes that 130 kids will be hurt by this. Mr. Johnson stated the respect he gets is from doing his job so the aquatics department will be a challenge. He has concerns about gentrification because this will place kids out of

their area, and they will be pushed out of their Community Center. He believes this is a pretext to push people out of their community.

Vanessa Carlisle (with time donated by Rachel Bickerstaff) spoke about her realization that a job is something greater than just a job because there is a bigger picture. Ms. Carlisle stated that the community center is an important place because children are learning there. She said that these programs are bigger than just paper and it prevents people from being out on the streets getting in trouble.

Melvisha Gaines expressed her views about the fact that the current mission statement of the Parks and Recreation Department does not match the concept of money going into buildings and not to people. Ms. Gaines stated that the Onetta Harris Center has been the backbone of that community because they care about the children. Ms. Gaines stated that if Mr. Johnson, Mr. Williams and Ms. Carlisle are taken away there will be a big loss to the children and community.

Jacqueline Rose Garcia stated that it will not be possible for one supervisor to do it all at the Community Center. She did not want to repeat what other people have said but she echoes their remarks.

Linda Gregory, representing AFSCME Local 829, said that her message is simple, don't allow damage and don't inflict damage to jobs that don't need it. Ms. Gregory stated that the City of Menlo Park has the largest General Fund Reserves in proportion to its annual budget of any municipality on the Peninsula and there might be some bitterness if the employees feel that some of the cuts are unnecessary. Ms. Gregory stated that all other cities are trying to do their best and it is important to rethink this process. Ms. Gregory said that other cities with a lot less reserves are doing the best they can to save jobs and she believes the Council, as elected leaders, needs to rethink the process.

Sasha Eisner, representing the Service Employees International Union Local 715, said that his job is to understand what changes are going on so that he can answer questions but there has been somewhat of a breakdown in the process. Mr. Eisner stated that the reorganization was not fully disclosed to the labor groups. Mr. Eisner stated that this City has a very large General Fund Reserve and is saving a small amount on these cuts. In his opinion the City could use reserves for everything and not have any cuts. He stated that cities can defer their PERS payments until 2007 by taking the rate relief deferral system and then the payments will be re-amortized. He said that the County of Santa Clara took this route and he asks that Council take the same route.

Patricia Bowers stated that she is from Crane Place and it would be a shame to take away the TSM position because of all the good things that come from this program. She believes that there is a car allowance of \$40,000 for management and if this would be voluntarily taken away this could cover the position of the TSM Coordinator. Ms. Bowers believes the service is especially important during the wintertime.

City Manager Boesch responded to certain statements:

Shuttle Service – Mr. Boesch stated that a petition was received opposing changes to the shuttle service program and that he sent a letter to every petition signer explaining that the goal was to preserve the services and maintain the highest integrity. He also stated that while nobody can predict the future, the plan is to keep the shuttle program intact with its routes and frequency. He reiterated that this is the goal and the absolute commitment from the City for the near future.

Mr. Boesch explained that the proposal is to eliminate the TSM Coordinator position to save money from the General Fund and other funds. Mr. Boesch stated that the total cost of the position is \$80,000 and while \$19,000 comes from the General Fund the rest of the money comes from other funds that are being depleted quickly. Mr. Boesch stated that the goal is to have Measure A be reauthorized to maintain the current services.

Mr. Kinney stated that the City has substantial reserves and he has concerns about handing over the TSM Coordinator job to other people. He questioned why there are concerns when this program is

running so well, and why it should be altered. Mr. Boesch stated that he already explained the reasons and there is a commitment to maintain service levels to the community.

Mr. Boesch stated that the comments tonight were focused on individuals associated within different services. The goal is to commit to success to maximize the current resources. He said the proposed organizational changes are absolutely essential so that degradation in programs does not occur. Mr. Boesch explained that there is one floater childcare teacher and if the floater is out there are contingency plans. On the Senior Center there will be a desire to have more non-English speaking volunteers to work with the members of the community that need services in other languages.

Mr. Boesch stated that the suggestion made by Mr. Eisner on the PERS rate relief deferral system was investigated one month ago but it doesn't make fiscal sense because the City would have to pay 8.25% interest. He stated that at no point have the unions offered to have pay cuts and avoid raises, and so this is the best we can do with what we have. Mr. Boesch stated that the unions recognize that there is an organizational imbalance and it needs to be addressed.

Mr. Boesch believes this is a thorough plan that aims at reaching the best solution under the current circumstances.

Council Discussion

Council asked about the voluntary separation process and Mr. Boesch stated that several people had applied. Mr. Boesch stated that the early retirement was a successful effort. Council asked questions about the reorganization and Mr. Boesch stated that there is no additional line in the budget for the Onetta Harris Center because the budget is based on services not facilities and that Center provides numerous services. Mr. Boesch gave details about the reorganization and how it will play out. He explained the benefits of the new system.

Mayor Duboc commented that she has known Mr. Johnson since 1989 and she considers him a hero, she thanked him and all the other staff for all they've done. She believes that even with the reorganization these staff members will still be involved in the community, and possibly other areas of the community will benefit from them. Mayor Duboc made a personal assurance that if anything goes wrong with the Onetta Harris Community Center she will follow-up on the matter. The Mayor stated that while we have a sizable reserve it also could be lost in a blink. Ms. Duboc stated that the budget process is one of the hardest things she has had to do in her life, but her commitment is to the continuation of services that serve all of the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Winkler wants to revisit this reorganization next year to make sure it is working. Ms. Winkler noticed that 67% of the Belle Haven community is Latino and so she hopes that more Latinos will show up at the Council meetings. Ms. Winkler wants more outreach to the community. Council Member Kinney asked about the reorganization and how the changes will impact the services. Mr. Kinney asked about the increase of the ½ FTE to a 1 FTE, and Mr. Boesch stated that the goal was to increase partnerships with all kinds of organizations.

Mr. Kinney would like this to be better disseminated to the community and have an educational process to inform people. He mentioned that outreach is needed and Council Member Jellins believes it is important to let the community know about what is going on. Mr. Jellins stated that when making tough decisions as leaders he supports outreach that clarifies the plan and maybe even press releases. Mr. Jellins believes it is about a lot more than just money, and the relationships that have been built along the years. Mr. Jellins shared his experience while growing up and how he depended on a similar Community Center.

Council also asked about the pool maintenance being taken over by City staff, and Mr. Boesch stated that with the closure of the Burgess Pool there would be some savings. Also with the brand new facility there should be less need for maintenance in a new facility

Mayor Duboc stated that she has asked many questions about the budget in advance. She summarized that in general there is Council consensus on doing more outreach on the reorganization and the shuttle program. Mr. Kinney stated that he would like to see the TSM Coordinator position retained.

Mayor Duboc revisited the tennis key fee increase and, and Mr. Jellins stated that he was not persuaded with staff's explanation for the increase. Mayor Pro Tem Winkler believes it is appropriate that the players pay part of the maintenance. Council consensus was to have the tennis key fee at the \$30.00 level. Mayor Duboc suggested eliminating the special events that occur at the Burgess Park for one year, because of the construction. Council agreed to the one-year hiatus. Mr. Boesch offered to have staff prepare a list of events that occur at this site and some costing out.

Council Member Kinney asked questions about the CIP and the funding source for various plans such as water studies. Mr. Kinney thanked Kent Steffens and Ruben Nino for their list of projects and current status. Mayor Duboc asked how much money has been placed into the Belle Haven neighborhood and Ms. Chokkalingam, Finance Director, provided the figures for the last decade. Mayor Duboc stated that there has been a lot of money spent, and if in the next fiscal year over \$1.2 million is spent from reserves, that is a considerable amount of money.

Mr. Boesch stated that the last item that needs addressing is the mission statement. Mayor Duboc stated that one of her goals as Mayor was to come up with a better mission statement that focuses on what city government can do. Ms. Duboc stated that this is important because this is a mission for the 21st century and it enhances the old one and does not detract from it. Ms. Duboc stated that this mission has input from the commissioners and all homeowner associations were invited to attend meetings to provide input. Ms. Duboc is proud of the product and confident that this mission statement will make the City proud.

2. Discussion of the off leash dog park facility as a component of the Nealon Park refurbishment project currently underway.

Ron Fernandez representing the DOGMA (Dog Owners' Group of the Menlo Area) spoke about the dog park and how he believes the off-leash program has benefited a tremendous number of people. Dogma would like to request that the off-leash hours be reinstated. Mr. Fernandez believes the Nealon Park area should not be a replacement to other areas where the dogs can run free but it should be in addition to.

Stephen Luder spoke as a resident and he believes that the off-leash park is an improvement. He is a dog owner and he stands by the off-leash program, and he supports the fenced area as well. Mr. Luder requested that Council direct Parks and Recreation staff to find other options that may be able to provided.

Elizabeth Houck said this is not better than nothing, because the residents will end up with nothing. Ms. Houck wanted the Council to spread the wealth of dog parks throughout Menlo Park. Ms. Houck does not think the space is in the correct area and she has concerns about who is going to police these dogs. She asked Council to not build something that would both displease the users and agitate the neighbors.

Laura Jackovski urges the Council to stop construction on this dog park because the neighbors are being agitated and there must be another space and another area to make this happen.

Mr. Demetri stated that it is sad that the Council is discussing various costs and reducing services for children.

Mayor Duboc acknowledged that a letter from Daniel and Patricia Finley was received.

Council Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem Winkler stated that there have been three suggestions on the dog park: sprinkle the fields after the dogs use them; utilize cheaper grass anticipating the use, and fence the area adjoining the dog park. Kent Steffens, Public Works Director answered these points stating that sprinkling after use would only be a summer solution and is impractical in the winter, the cheaper turf is not an alternative because the City purchases sod and then within a certain time it begins to grow, the option of fencing the area

does look feasible. Mr. Steffens stated that there is an existing asphalt path that would need to be disrupted.

Mayor Pro Tem Winkler stated that her interest was just to check out some of the suggestions that she received. Mr. Boesch stated that a decision needs to be made by the first week of June otherwise there will be some losses with the contractor. Council consensus was to have staff do further study on alternate locations and do more outreach. Mayor Duboc would like the process of rules and regulations to be created right away.

3. Consideration of state and federal legislative items or items referred to in Written Communications or Information Items. Including decisions to support or oppose any such legislative.

None.

G. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION- None

H. INFORMATION ITEM - None

I. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Duboc reported that she attended the Little House 56th Anniversary and she was honored to attend the Juvenile Diversion Program. She complimented Police Chief Boyd for all he has done. Mayor Duboc said there are going to be two more public comment opportunities for the rapid rail possibilities and she announced the dates and locations. Mayor Duboc attended the Sunset Festival and she was impressed with a modular house. It was beautiful and she has hopes that the new Childcare Center will also look that good. She thanked Sunset magazine for having such a wonderful event.

Council Member Kinney reported that this Saturday the Rotary Club and the Almanac will hold The Tour de Menlo event and he welcomed everybody.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT #2 (Limited to 30 minutes)

K. ADJOURNMENT – 11:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia M. Vonderlinden, CMC
Certified Municipal Clerk\

Approved at the City Council Meeting of July 27, 2004.