



CITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY MINUTES

Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025
Menlo Park City Council Chambers

ROLL CALL – (7:02 p.m.) All Members Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day this Friday, April 17 at 12:15.
- The City of Menlo Park and the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency are co-sponsoring two FREE water efficient landscaping classes in Menlo Park.
- The City of Menlo Park is co-sponsoring a free compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL) recycling event on Earth Day, April 22nd.
Thursday, April 16, the City will hold the first Community Workshop for the El Camino Real/Downtown Specific Plan project.
- Commissioner Training being conducted on Tuesday April 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Burgess Gymnasium and Gymnastics Facility Project is now available for public review. Copies are available at the City Library and the Community Development Department in the Administration Building, and the document is also available online at menlopark.org/gym.

A. COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES, APPOINTMENTS AND REPORTS

B. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation declaring April 12-18 National Library Week ([Attachment](#))
2. Proclamation declaring April 12-18 National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week in the City of Menlo Park ([Attachment](#))

C. PUBLIC COMMENT #1

- Rob Dickenson – Regarding AB1121
- Rose Bickerstaff - false alarm fees
- Betty Meisner – Kiosk on Santa Cruz Street
- Joe Webb – Crime Report
- Ash Vasudeva – Bohannon Project and Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Matthew Burriesci – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Cathy Tokic – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Alexandra Conover – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Mark Thronsdson – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Pam Vasudeva – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Xaner Escobedo – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Norm Picker – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Matt Henry – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Susan Lamkin – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Jacqueline Cebrian – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Amita Vasudeva – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Stu Soffer – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Steve Schmidt – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Mazzetta Oliver – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Allison Beatty – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Vernac Baily – Pedestrian Over Crossing
- Katie Ferrick – Drive Less Challenge

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Moved and seconded (Cline/Fergusson) and passed unanimously approval of the Consent Calendar with one minor amendment to the minutes.

1. Award a contract for the City/Agency Audit Service for Fiscal Years 2008-09 through 2010-11 at a total cost of \$131,175 for the three-year period to Odenberg, Ullakko, Muranishi & Co. and authorize the City Manager to execute the contract agreement ([Staff Report #09-050](#))
2. Acceptance of the City Council minutes for the meetings of March 17 and March 24, 2009 ([Attachment](#))

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Introduction of an ordinance amending the zoning ordinance definition of Gross Floor Area and related provisions ([Staff Report # 09-053](#))

Action: Moved and Seconded (Ferguson/Cline) and passes 3-2 (Boyle and Cohen Dissenting) approval of the finding as recommended in the staff report, introduce the ordinance as recommended in the staff report with the following 2 modifications:

- To eliminate the words under Gross Floor Area B7 "on the first floor only"
- To modify item C1 under Gross Floor Area from 5% to 3%

and to bring back to Planning Commission and City Council in one year with the particular eye on the grandfathering issue and the percentage of unusable space.

F. REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Consideration of Council Subcommittee recommendation for a public outreach and development agreement negotiation process for the Menlo Gateway (Bohannon Hotel-Office Mixed-Use) Project, and appointment of Council Subcommittee for the remainder of the process ([Staff Report # 09-051](#))

Public speakers:

- William Nack – Support of the item
- David Bohannon – Applicant for the project
- Morris Brown – Concerns with process and timelines
- Patti Fry – Concerns with timelines
- Alonzo Emery – Support of the item
- Gail Ortega – Support of the item

Action: Moved and seconded (Cline/Fergusson) and passed unanimously approval of Council Subcommittee recommendation for a public outreach and development agreement negotiation process for the Menlo Gateway (Bohannon Hotel-Office Mixed-Use) Project, and reaffirmed the Council Subcommittee of Cohen and Fergusson for the remainder of the process.

2. Revisit the style of minutes for the City Council's official record of actions taken ([Staff Report # 09-052](#))

Public speakers:

- Morris Brown – Against Action Minutes

Action: Moved and seconded (Robinson/Fergusson) and passed 4-1 (Cohen dissenting) approval of staff recommendation with the change of allowing two Council Members to request summary minutes, return in one month with improvements on indexing, and for the Clerk to provide training to the Library staff on the use of Granicus so that they can assist the public.

3. Consideration of state and federal legislative items, including decisions to support or oppose any such legislation, and items listed under Written Communication or Information Item
 - Council requested a report on AB1121 (Ranked voting) be brought to the Council for discussion

G. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**H. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION****I. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

J. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Report from the City Council Subcommittee on High Speed Rail

Public speakers:

- Morris Brown – Addressed the missing letter from 2007

K. PUBLIC COMMENT #2

L. ADJOURNMENT – 12:16 a.m.

Margaret S. Roberts, MMC
City Clerk

Approved at the Council meeting of April 21, 2009