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ed with having to appro- about \$92,000, to modify Milpitas Sports Center to the privacy of nearby Park Victoria homeown- e City Council, acting as Redevelopment Agency, 4-1 to leave the sitting ements as they stand. il member Pete Hamer cast posing vote.

North Park Victoria resi- nd city staff had reached eement that consisted of g the bleachers that exist west side of the stadium itching them with the east achers. The latter bleach- ld then have had at least ws removed, and would en lowered as a result of oval of an 8-inch support eath the bleachers and as close to the track chain s allowed by code.

staff report sent to the Community Services r Jerry Williams de- how the installation of nd and light systems and s caused concern among ents because of the noise t intrusion. People at the he bleachers can look o the yards of the homes. iate the problem, an 8- h fence was put up, the nd sound systems were l, and planting is under- block views. ity agreed to reduce the the west side to 500, aking the east side seat- city 1,000. The east side the field's home side. g the two rows of seat- e west side as was sug- last week's proposal to cil, would have made

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roductions, a 12-year ults of San Jose's downtown 'renaissance,' both in spirit and physical improvements, so when

that bleacher's capacity 400. Williams estimated that al- ternative would cost about \$76,000, plus an additional \$16,420 for consultant fees.

Council members decided that was too high a cost.

When staff brought the item to the council members atten- tion in May, the alternatives discussed at that time were esti- mated to cost \$50,000. Williams said the council didn't "flinch" at that estimate.

Noting that the stadium is only used by Milpitas High about six times a year, Mayor Pete McHugh said the city should stop spending money on the project.

Williams replied that although the school uses the stadium only six times a year, residents com- plained that people were look- ing into their yards almost daily.

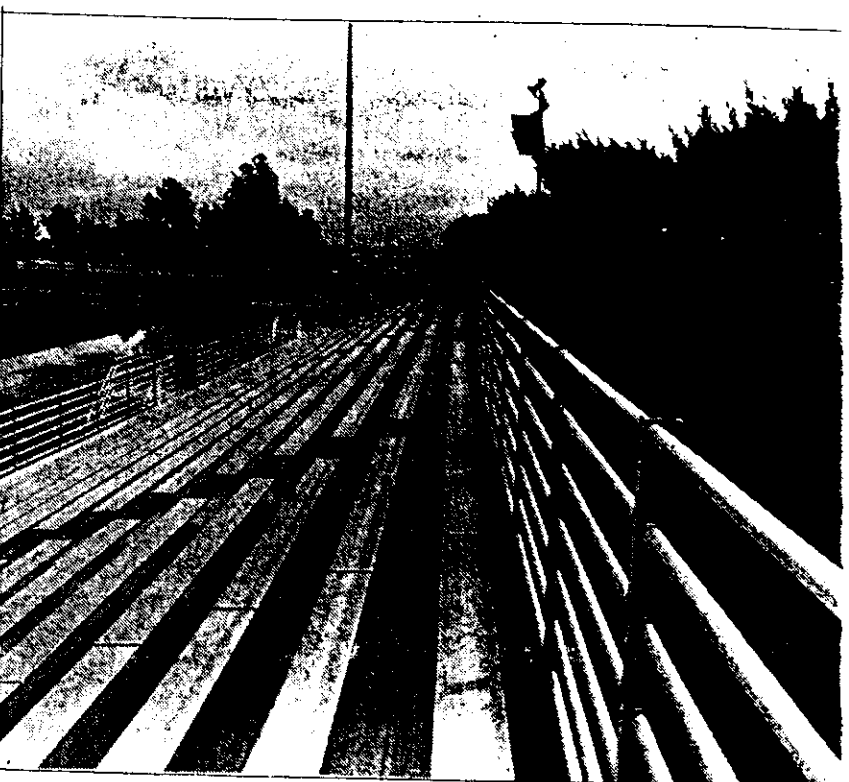
In response to Hamer's ques- tion as to whether anyone con- sidered raising the wall by the residents' homes, Williams said the residents didn't support that and it might require reinforcing steel, making it an expensive task.

Hamer then suggested mov- ing the west bleachers along side of the east bleachers so both teams' fans would be sitting on the same sideline, thereby as- suring the privacy of the home- owners. The rest of the council did not support that idea and Hamer's motion died for lack of a second.

"We can't leave it the way it is," Hamer said.

Council member Skip Skyrud said North Park Victoria resi- dents knew the field was there when they purchased their homes.

"I think they got a little bit more than they bargained for," Hamer said.



The Milpitas City Council decided not to put restrictions on the bleachers at M were concerned that people could look over the bleachers into their backy:

Council amends auto mall ag

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The Milpitas City Council, acting as the city's Redevelop- ment Agency, approved amend- ments to its agreement with Westwood Company-237 at last week's meeting.

With the amendments, the obligations of both parties will go into effect upon the execu- tion of three dealer disposition and development agreements or less than three if at least 15 acres are involved or if an agreement by Milpitas Motors, a General Motors Corporation subsidiary, is signed.

Another change in the agree- ment calls for the opening of initial escrows to be completed no later than Aug. 20. The agree- ment was scheduled to expire by April 16.

Westwood is negotiating with the Chevrolet division of Gen- eral Motors, but due to the cur-

rent condition of the economy, an agreement has yet to be con- summated.

In other action, the City Council approved contributing \$2,000 from the community promotion budget to help fund the Hands on the Arts Festival. The festival includes painting, music, poetry, dance and other activities and workshops.

Other cities that agreed to co- sponsor the event include Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Saratoga and Mountain View. There are also corporate sponsors for the two- day event.

The Arts Council of Santa Clara County said a significant amount of the 10,000 partici- pants come from Milpitas. The festival will be held May 18-19 at Washington Park in Sun- nyvale.

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