

## MINUTES

### CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2002

The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Javier Diaz led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- INVOCATION** Mayor Reyes asked for a moment of silence in memory of those serving our country in the Middle East.
- CITY CLERK RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The City Clerk recorded the following in attendance:  
PRESENT: Chapjian, Fasana, Finlay, Paras, Reyes  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Duff, City Attorney Holliday (arrived at 7:18 p.m.)
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Fasana moved, Paras seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Concert in the Park on July 11, 5:30 p.m., at Duarte Park, Lunch Bunch on July 10 at Villa Italia, Good Morning Duarte breakfast on July 16 at Duffers, Red/White/Blue Blender on July 24 at Advantage Ford Lincoln Mercury, and grand reopening of Ice Cream Heav'n on July 25.
- Bill Hyatt, 2437 Maynard, announced class of 1972 Duarte High School All-Class reunion on July 27 at the Brass Elephant in Monrovia, with a golf tournament on Friday, and picnic on Sunday at Encanto Park.
- FISCAL AFFAIRS** Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to approve payment to the Southern California Edison Company, and carried with Fasana abstaining due to a declared conflict of interest.
- Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the remainder of Fiscal Affairs, and carried unanimously.
- SPECIAL ITEMS**  
Student Interns Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Student Interns Puja Mathur (Community Development), Javier Diaz (Recreation), Valerie Nunez (Public Safety), Juan Miguel Velasquez (Facility Maintenance), Elisabeth Hussein (Administration), Lucas Sears (Animal Control), and Lucy Robles (Finance).
- Recognition – Luz Palamiano-Porlier** Mayor Reyes presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Luz Palamiano-Porlier for her exhibit at the Duarte Library featuring Philippine history, politics, and culture.
- Recognition – Thelma Goodin 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday** Donna Georgino introduced Thelma Goodin and presented her with a cake in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mayor Reyes presented her a Certificate of Congratulations.
- ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** Adan Bayon, 1939 Royal Oaks, discussed the judging of front yards for Beautification Awards, stated some have

received awards that he felt they did not deserve, and stated many houses deserve the award but do not receive it.

Chapjian stated City staff does not select the award winners. Duff noted the Parks and Recreation Department coordinates the Beautification Awards, various service clubs in the City do the judging, and the clubs submit their selections to the City for awards.

Dori Neuman, 741 Fieldview, stated Congresswoman Hilda Solis chose Duarte to promote preservation and saving our environment because of the beautiful backdrops, stated with everyone's effort, this valley might be saved, stated we owe it to future generations to preserve what we can, stated we have the best City workers, referred to corrections made by Mayor Reyes when he exceeded the event, and stated all are human and are vulnerable to making mistakes.

Jack Collins, 921 Mt. Olive, announced lecture and book signing by Ray Bradbury in honor of Peter Rosenwald's receiving the Golden Apple Award, on October 4, 7:00 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center.

Ernie Martinez, 482 Woodbluff, stated when Mayor Reyes flew the position for the Planning Commission in his newsletter, there were areas in the City that did not receive the newsletter, and stated the Mayor needs to practice what he preaches by inclusiveness in the whole City.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated many are proud to take care of their front yard, stated the criteria for the Beautification Awards should be made known to the entire community, stated previous speakers' had good points, and stated we have to move forward.

Dr. Sunil Jayasinghe, Duarte Outreach Center, stated in the first two months of operation, there have been over 150 clients who have used the Center, provided information about the volunteer staff and Board of Directors and thanked them, and stated they are dedicated and qualified.

Harb Thind, 1525 Huntington, stated he felt his remarks made at the last meeting that the exclusion of property owners and business people from the Downtown Duarte Task Force is a bias against them should be included in the minutes.

Gene Jones, 1929 Wardell, stated the new street signs look gorgeous and are fantastic, and asked that City Council consider banning fireworks, as they are disturbing, they scare animals, and cause health problems.

Bill Hyatt, 2437 Maynard, inquired about the investigation of Mayor Reyes regarding allegations brought against him by this Council, stated he is worried that the new library situation may become a burden to taxpayers, suggested policing ourselves and getting the Neighborhood Watch involved as to illegal fireworks, and asked that safe and sane fireworks not be banned.

Dick Ur, 2209 Tall Pine, stated he is concerned with the process for the Planning Commission appointment,

discussed the Political Reform Act, stated there are clear conflicts of interest in the appointment process, as it is not inclusive and does not include all possible candidates, stated Mayor Reyes is in the real estate business and he feels this is directly in conflict with that appointment, and stated there could potentially be a problem and it could appear on the surface to be improper.

Duff stated the investigation is underway and ongoing, it is uncertain how much time it will take to complete, and is proceeding as quickly as possible; the City is attempting to negotiate agreements with the Los Angeles County Library District, a joint application needs to be filed with the State of California, the City intends to file the application for the second funding cycle in March 2003, and stated the process is expensive and detailed. Fasana stated we are also looking at other options for library services.

Chapjian stated citizens can contact the Supervisor's office to help with the library, and clarified that the City Council did not bring the allegations against the Mayor, it was the City staff.

Holliday stated conflict of interest does not result from one's status in an occupation when it comes to appointment to a commission, stated there has to be a showing that one would directly receive a benefit over and above that received by others, and stated any member of the Council is free to make appointments authorized under the Municipal Code.

Finlay asked that it be reiterated how the street signs came about. Duff stated the City competed for State grant funds and was successful, and noted all street signs, directional signs, and regulatory signs would be replaced.

Mayor Reyes inquired about the old signs. Duff stated the Community Coordinating Council will assist with a booth at the City Picnic to sell the old signs on a first-come, first-served basis.

PUBLIC HEARINGS  
Council Bill 02-R-23  
2002-2003 Assessments  
Landscape/Lighting District

Mayor Reyes announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider the levy and collection of assessments for fiscal year 2002-2003 within the Citywide Landscape and Lighting District pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972.

City Attorney Holliday asked City Clerk Akana if notice of the hearing had been given. Akana stated the notice had been given and the affidavit was on file.

Mayor Reyes asked if any written communications had been filed in the matter. Akana stated there were none.

Mayor Reyes asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated in the past, the administrative fee was transferred to the general fund, however, this year the general fund returned some money back to the lighting and landscape district.

Fasana moved, Chapjian seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

Holliday read by title Council Bill 02-R-23:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ORDERING THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 WITHIN THE CITYWIDE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING DISTRICT PURSUANT TO THE LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ACT OF 1972

RESOLUTION NO. 02-23

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to waive further reading, adopt Resolution No. 02-23, and approve the Engineer's Report, and carried unanimously.

Council Bill 02-R-24  
General Plan Amendment 02-3

Jason Golding, Associate Planner, provided a staff report about Tentative Tract Map 53734, General Plan Amendment 02-3, and Zone Change 02-1 (29-unit subdivision of 2519-2531 Huntington Drive), and noted the following recommended change to the staff report: Strike condition #3.

Council Bill 02-O-03  
Zone Change 02-1  
(First Reading)

Golding responded to questions concerning Quimby fees, General Plan revision, mitigated negative declaration, and cumulative impacts. Dominc Milano, City Engineer, answered questions pertaining to the traffic report, signal, cost, and impact to traffic.

Richard Tipping, Bowden Development, introduced Stefanos Polyzoides of Moule & Polyzoides and Michael Hersberg of Lindscott Long Greenspan Engineers, who made a series of presentations including architectural, traffic, and responses to cultural, historic, and architectural themes. Liz Giffin of Christensen Miller presented information concerning historic resource determination, the California Environmental Quality Act, and criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources.

After each speaker's presentation, there was discussion and questions answered pertaining to design elements, separate yards, play yards, fences, traffic study locations for related projects, reasons for not having a combination of houses and condos, distance of proposed signal from signal at Las Lomas, register of historic places criteria, and Route 66 being associated with events that have made a contribution to California's history and cultural heritage.

Mayor Reyes announced this was the time and place set for a Public Hearing to consider Tentative Tract Map 53734, General Plan Amendment 02-3, and Zone Change 02-1 (29-unit subdivision of 2519-2531 Huntington Drive).

City Attorney Holliday asked City Clerk Akana if notice of the hearing had been given. Akana stated the notice had been given and the affidavit was on file.

Mayor Reyes asked if any written communications had been filed in the matter. Akana stated written correspondence was received from 1) Brandt-Hawley Law Group; 2)

Los Angeles Conservancy; 3) Christensen, Miller, Fink, Jacobs, Glaser, Weil & Shapiro, and 4) United States Department of the Interior, which was provided to the City Council.

Mayor Reyes asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to be heard on this matter.

Richard Tipping, Bowden Development, stated when the project was started, Bowden met with residents of Park Place Villas and addressed their concerns, stated the residents support the project, noted they are impacted the most, and submitted additional petitions signed by residents of Park Place Villas on Swiss Trails Road in support of the general plan amendment, zone change, and tentative tract map.

Peter Moruzzi, Los Angeles, stated the Trails is a roadside structure that was meant as an Old West-style ranch steak house with a cocktail lounge and bar, suggested it be blended into the project, and stated its relation to Route 66 and its being over 50 years old requires additional review.

Dori Neuman, 741 Fieldview, stated she felt there needed to be more investigation, stated the developer does not know the history of the town and how important the Trails was, stated the owner chose to close the Trails not the residents, asked who is planning for the schools, and stated Duarte schools are overcrowded and all of them are below average.

Ron Garber, 864 Swiss Trails, stated he does not think the location of the Trails is viable as a commercial location as it is surrounded by residential property, stated it is not substantial like the old school house, stated new residents will shop in Duarte, and urged the City Council to vote for the zone change.

Manny Stein, 856 Swiss Trails, stated the consensus is in favor of the housing project, stated it will enhance the beauty of Huntington Drive, stated it is time to make progress, and asked if it were to be accepted as a historical monument, would the City take care of it.

Jean Porter, 965 Swiss Trails, stated years ago Duarte was an unsatisfactory place to live, improvements have been made, stated the Trails has been closed for one year and it is an eyesore and a safety issue, asked that this be made a nice community, and stated she would rather see houses there and be in a safe place to live.

Lon Daugherty, 869 Swiss Trails, stated good times were had at the Trails, stated the owner sold it, the inside has been destroyed and it is time for the building to go, felt the Bowden development is beautiful, and stated that section should be made more of a bedroom community.

Henry Baltazar, 543 Elkhorn, stated the Boulevard Café and Big Sky Drive-In were historical monuments, stated the Trails was a place for Duartans to hang out and Duartans want the Trails, stated Huntington Drive is Route 66 and not a residential street, felt the traffic study is

flawed, stated morning traffic is bottle-necked on Huntington, stated more parking is needed at Las Brisas, asked that Huntington Drive be kept commercial and suggested something similar to a Clearman's Village with shops, and asked how there could be the Route 66 Parade if it is all residential.

Tim Lowry, 2039 Atlin, stated he is a historian and an avid Route 66 lover, stated there is a serious shortage of housing in Southern California, felt the Trails building is an eyesore taking up 2½ acres and is doing nothing for business, stated he loved the Trails but it needs to be redeveloped, asked that it be rezoned, and stated there is a demand for housing and it will help every homeowner in the community.

Gene Jones, 1939 Wardell, stated a house on a major thoroughfare is an incurable defect, felt there is a need for commercial and housing, stated he thinks it is the wrong area for housing, stated Huntington Drive is congested, and suggested putting something commercial there.

Bob Van Der Valk, 934 Swiss Trails, stated the Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor this project, felt the Trails was the queen and now is an eyesore and dump, stated the L.A. Conservancy has had one year to come up with an alternative proposal and did not, stated he hoped City Council would decide in favor of the project, noted the group he represents is most affected, and stated some letters in favor of keeping the Trails are from people who do not live by it.

Chris Nichols, Los Angeles, stated his family went to the Trails for decades, stated he contacted the owner and she has no interest in preserving it, felt there are no official state landmarks in Duarte and he thinks it can be included on the California Register, and asked that an EIR be done.

Katherine Hummer, Glendora, stated her family owned Titus Ranch and there are no pictures or records of it, stated Route 66 is about people, stated the Trails may be an eyesore today and tomorrow it could be something better, felt it would take 10 years to build houses, asked that Council reassess how long the project will take, and asked why the Trails is not significant.

Pat Wood, 2447 Huntington, stated she lives west of Park Place Villas, stated the T-intersection would be a through intersection and more traffic would be added, felt a traffic signal would be needed at Crestfield, stated there are not many old buildings left on Route 66 that connote Route 66 in Duarte, stated housing does not bring in tax dollars, commercial does, stated it is a beautiful project, stated Huntington Drive is noisy, asked if more residential is needed on Huntington, stated the area could be developed, suggested making it a museum or an office building, and suggested looking at an EIR.

Sandy Steinblums, 902 Swiss Trails, President, Park Place Villas Homeowners Association, presented a petition signed by residents in support of the project, stated homeowners

support the development and are totally opposed to having a commercial development there, stated the Trails property is not in good order, suggested the possibility of moving the building to an empty property site closer to more commercial, and stated she and her neighbors support the development and are opposed to an environmental impact study and commercial use.

Joyce Dorn, 860 Swiss Trails, stated years ago Duarte was not an attractive place, she is very proud to live in Duarte now, felt there is a need for a downtown area, stated the scope and quality of the development speaks well for the City and adds to its growth, and stated this is a step ahead and a good promise for the future.

Stacy Arena, 2487 Calle Villada, expressed concerns about safety and young children, stated there are rats and opossums at the back of the Trails restaurant, felt the Bowden housing is beautiful, and stated she and her neighbors are in support of the Bowden construction.

Grant Thomas, 901 Swiss Trails, stated he signed a petition to have the Trails demolished and have housing in its place, stated he does not know if the Trails is a historical landmark, and asked that the City Council show leadership and foresight to make the right decision and to begin the process of building residential homes on the site.

Hal Firth, 622 Woodbluff, suggested putting a hold on this project in favor of reviewing the City's general plan, stated he would like to see a balance between commercial and residential development, and stated he would like to see it as part of the revised general plan throughout the City.

John Curtis, 834 Swiss Trails, stated the Trails is an eyesore, thanked Bowden and stated he thinks we should move forward with the plans, stated there are vacant spaces at Sav-On, urged approval of the zone change with no environmental impact study, and stated Swiss Trails residents are the most impacted and are in favor of the development.

John McKiernan, 1831 Delford, stated the Trails is historical and thinks we need to keep it, stated it was beautiful and could be a beautiful place again, stated there will be an impact on the schools, asked about parking per unit, and felt if it is not used for a restaurant, it could be used for something else.

Dave Wilcox, Economics Research Associates, discussed the redeveloped corridor on Huntington Drive, stated the Trails site is not in a redevelopment area, stated the true new value of Route 66 from San Bernardino to Pasadena is infill housing, stated Duarte has not grown in population or housing inventory, stated it is a commuter corridor and not a corridor of convenience on the east end of Huntington, and stated this project is the right choice.

Kirk Ludwig, 2612 Bashor, stated he enjoyed going to the Trails, it is now gone and we must move on, stated there are houses on both sides of the Trails, the proposal is very

nice, asked that Council listen to the expert opinion of the Planning Commission and move on, felt houses will be sold before they are built, stated he asked people in the surrounding areas and they all want it, felt there should be a longer red light at Las Lomas, and suggested the possibility of moving the restaurant.

Adan Bayon, 1939 Royal Oaks, stated the Trails had great food and people came from all over, asked that there be a good steak house in Duarte, stated he thinks someone can open the Trails, felt there are too many houses and not enough parking, and stated businesses are disappearing in Duarte.

Bob Brennan, Monrovia, felt the Trails should be saved, stated it is more than a building, it has history and ambience and is part of an era that has slipped away, and urged City Council to study it more, do an EIR, and look at various adaptable reuses.

Robert Basha, one of the owners of the Trails, stated the business went down, for two years he was putting in \$10-12,000 a month to keep it going, stated he feels bad that the environmental people tell him he cannot sell his property, felt he found one of the best in Bowden Development, and stated he will not reopen the Trails for any amount of money.

Fred Bowden, Bowden Development, stated the project would bring \$90-100,000 in income to the school system, stated this site is surrounded by 75-80% residential and commands itself to residential, stated 50-55 attached units could have been built but Bowden chose non-attached, stated most who spoke against the development were from out of town, stated Bowden is pleased and excited to build and bring the project to the City, discussed the design for ingress, egress, and parking spaces, stated Bowden has been in the community for 30 years and builds quality, noted the Trails started out as a real estate office not a restaurant, and stated Bowden is proud to be part of the City and would like the City Council to approve the project.

Jeff Woodson, 2334 Beardslee, stated he loves historical buildings and likes what he sees with the Bowden project, stated the conservancy did not come up with an alternative plan for one year, felt real estate is a premium in Duarte, stated approving this development is a step in the right direction, asked what makes the Trails a historical landmark, expressed concerns about site distance, red curb, trash cans, and access for trucks, inquired about the cost if an EIR is ordered, and asked about the possibility of rehabilitating the property to be used in conjunction with the Rose Parade for float decorating.

Mary Alice Wallin, Monrovia, stated she is a preservationist, asked that Council step back for a moment and do an EIR, stated one meeting is not going to do it, and suggested Council study and then decide.

Bill Hyatt, 2437 Maynard, stated he hates seeing the Trails go and he hates seeing it sit there turning into dust, stated

his house value would be affected, discussed the traffic situation on Huntington Drive, stated there will be the Elks Club and six new houses added, stated the Traffic and Safety Commission needs to know what is going on, and stated Huntington Drive is an alternate route for the freeway.

Lori Ludwig, 2612 Bashor, stated she supports the Bowden development and does not think commercial should be there, stated the Trails building looked like it had been added onto without much planning, and stated she hopes Council will decide to go forward with the Bowden development.

Alan Leib, L.A. Conservancy Modern Committee, stated the development is a marvelous design, the one exception is that it involves the demolition of a landmark structure on Route 66, discussed perceptions about what makes something historic, stated there is no requirement for interior elements under State guidelines, stated Route 66 is important and Duarte was reliant on Route 66, stated he thinks the Trails merits serious consideration as a landmark in this town, discussed requirements of CEQA, stated the Trails is an icon of roadside Americana, stated the L.A. Conservancy believes CEQA requires an EIR on this, and asked that Council consider doing an EIR in this instance.

Karl Uhlig, 311 Mountaincrest, stated there should not be a traffic light in this instance, stated the Trails has been there longer than the City of Duarte has existed and that is probably why some of it was not permitted, and stated the \$90,000 windfall to the school district is a one-time thing.

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to close the Public Hearing, and carried unanimously.

Finlay inquired about a traffic light, the cost of the homes, and swimming pools. Mr. Tipping stated there is no plan for a signal now, however, if one were needed in the future, Bowden would install one, stated they were required to pay the money into a fund in case one is needed, stated the price range for the homes is between \$250-320,000, and discussed the design for private yards and green space, instead of a swimming pool. Milano provided further information about the traffic light.

Paras asked if an EIR is required. Holliday stated under CEQA, an EIR is required if there are significant impacts that cannot be mitigated, and if it is determined that a proposed site is a historic resource, stated if City Council felt this site was historically significant, there must be an EIR, and stated if City Council felt it was not historically significant, it can be approved with a mitigated negative declaration.

Chapjian stated he read the economic report, stated his understanding is that there is a need for biotech in this corridor, and clarified that this site was not in a redevelopment zone because the owner chose not to be included. Mr. Wilcox provided information about biotechnical labs at larger sites, stated this site is 2½ acres and is an island, and stated market space is so competitive for

biotechnology that incredible amounts of subsidy need to be offered to build all new ones.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the mitigated negative declaration and Tentative Tract Map 53734.

Fasana stated his initial concerns were if the site was viable for other types of commercial development, stated a convincing use has been made for the residential parcels, stated the increase in traffic for this project is negligible and will get worse due to other factors, stated Route 30 will soon be the 210 going out to the 215, discussed estimated growth in the region, stated there is nothing architecturally pleasing about the Trails, what made it special was the people and ambience, stated the business owner stayed for over 50 years and did not want to be involved in redevelopment, stated we need to consider the issue of property rights, asked if there are people willing to buy the Trails, stated no one said they wanted to operate it, stated the conservancy does not have resources, stated Route 66 has been great for the community and we have future history to lay out before us, stated it is a beautiful project, acknowledged there are other points of view, discussed housing needs and SCAG projections for population, felt we have our own history to create, and stated he will miss the Trails and he respects the property owner's rights.

Chapjian stated he likes the design of the project, felt it incorporates a sense of community, stated he has concerns about parking and would like to see mature trees planted and maybe some fountain work in the middle, stated he would like to see commercial there but noted this is one small pocket in a predominantly residential area, stated if the building is historic, he would like to see it moved to a site along Huntington, and stated it is a good project and there is not much of a choice in that area.

Mayor Reyes stated Mr. Fasana articulated well, and that is also his position.

Negative Declaration and  
Tentative Tract Map 53734

The motion to approve the mitigated negative declaration and Tentative Tract Map 53734 carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Chapjian, Finlay, Fasana, Paras, Reyes

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Holliday read by title Council Bill 02-R-24:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE POLICY MAP OF THE CITY'S GENERAL PLAN FOR THREE PARCELS OF LAND FROM GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (General Plan Amendment 02-3)

RESOLUTION NO. 02-24

Finlay moved, Paras seconded to waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 02-24, and carried by the following Roll Call vote:

AYES: Finlay, Fasana, Paras, Chapjian, Reyes  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

Holliday read by title Council Bill 02-O-03:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, REVISING THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF THREE PARCELS OF LAND FROM C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) TO R-3 (MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL – MEDIUM DENSITY) (Zone Change 02-1) (First Reading)

Council Bill 02-O-03  
(First Reading)

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to waive further reading and introduce Council Bill 02-O-03 for first reading, and carried unanimously.

RECESS

Mayor Reyes called a Recess at 11:33 p.m. City Council reconvened at 11:38 p.m., with all members present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Approve Items A, B.  
Receive and File Item C.

Continued Items

It was determined that the following items would be continued to the meeting of July 23, 2002: (12) Council Bill 02-O-04 (An ordinance of the City of Duarte, California, amending Chapter 2.30.080 of the Duarte Municipal Code concerning the appointment of Commissioners – First Reading); (13A) Report concerning hiring policies and practices; (13B) Report concerning July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks enforcement; and (16) Closed Session (To evaluate public employment for the position of Assistant to the City Manager).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dori Neuman, 741 Fieldview, stated there have been teams of bicyclists driving through the City who do not adhere to traffic laws, stated she called the Sheriff's Department, inquired if they are issued permits, stated she does not see anyone stopping them, and asked about a school crossing guard at Las Lomas and Royal Oaks.

Duff stated although tickets and citations have been issued, every team of bicyclists cannot be caught, and stated it is a problem shared by all of the foothill cities. Don Anderson stated this was studied a few years ago, it becomes an issue of manpower, other cities have issued permits similar to a 5K or 10K, in those instances the team is responsible for its safety, the lead rider stops traffic to let the follow riders go through, sometimes that created traffic stoppages, and stated it is a complex issue. Duff suggested Ms. Neuman talk with the School District about the crossing guard.

Pat Wood, 2447 Huntington, asked what was happening with the team building exercise and meetings.

Lino Paras, 2523 Elda, stated there is a bike trail for bikers, stated when it turned into a multi-use path, it became crowded, felt the facilitator issue is dead and he thinks they will all get along, stated the Economic Commission cancelled its meeting and held two meetings in June, stated the Municipal Code calls for at least one meeting per month, suggested the Code could be amended, and stated if City Council does not have two meetings per month, it is a violation of the Municipal Code.

Bill Hyatt, 2437 Maynard, stated one of the issues with the Bowden project is parking, stated he cannot park on Crestfield at night because others use it for overflow parking, and stated people will be crying when they cannot park their cars in their spots because somebody else has taken them.

ITEMS – CITY COUNCIL  
Voting and Alternate Delegate  
League Conference 10/5/02

Fasana moved, Paras seconded to designate Margaret Finlay as the Voting Delegate and George Chapjian as the Voting Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference, and carried unanimously.

CHAPJIAN: 1) Stated he would like to see a historic preservation ordinance on a future City Council meeting; 2) Thanked Congresswoman Hilda Solis for choosing Duarte as the national press conference site; 3) Announced San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership Workshop on July 25; 4) Distributed copies of an article in the Star News about a biotech center funding plan for Pasadena and the 210 freeway area; 5) Stated the Los Angeles Times magazine had the City of Hope advertisement “The world finds hope in Duarte”; and 6) Suggested looking at the State of California’s Code of Ethics, and the possibility of adopting it.

FINLAY: 1) Stated it is anticipated that the West Nile Virus will arrive in California next year; and 2) Stated Bradbury Mayor Jan Teter Mandroian’s husband, Richard, passed away suddenly, and asked that the City Council meeting be adjourned in his memory.

Mayor Reyes stated Lena Valenzuela had a massive stroke. It was determined that a message would be sent from the City Council.

FASANA: 1) Stated there is graffiti on the San Gabriel River Trail under the 210 and the railroad underpass; 2) Stated he received a notice from Charter Communications about rearranging the cable line-up, noted DCTV is being moved further up on the dial, stated he presumes in order to get DCTV, one has to get a digital receiver or expanded basic, and stated he would like a report back from Charter about the cost to get only our service, and whether or not we can legally have a say in terms of where our station appears on the dial; and 3) Stated with regard to team building, Councilmembers are trying to schedule their calendars and will keep trying.

Reyes stated with regard to Charter, stated it is about

dollars, felt we are giving people access to the Council meeting and it seems Charter is taking that away, and also requested a report about basic cable and expanded service from either Charter or the Community Services Commission.

PARAS: 1) Thanked staff for the work they did with presenting the Bowden development and the work they did with the residents, and noted Jason Golding is a graduate of Duarte High School; 2) Welcomed the student interns; 3) Thanked Luz Palamiano-Porlier for taking the time to share the Philippine culture; 4) Stated with regard to team building, several attempts have been made to schedule a meeting, and the Council is working together and doing the City's business in the eye of the public; and 5) Stated cell phones and pagers have gone off during the meetings, and asked the audience to put them on silent or vibrate.

REYES: 1) Thanked staff for mitigating the issue about the soundwall drilling along the 210 freeway, and noted Steve Esbenshade and John Mack helped resolve the issue with Caltrans; 2) Congratulated all the graduates and their families; 3) Thanked staff for their work on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July; 4) Stated the Beautification Awards program was great; 5) Thanked staff for assisting with items for the three Chinese delegations; and 6) Stated he appreciated the opportunity to be the emcee for Congresswoman Solis, and he appreciates her courageous leadership.

Finlay announced the Kwang Fu Elementary School Orchestra will perform at the Performing Arts Center on July 12, 7:00 p.m., noted the concert is free, and a \$5.00 per family donation will be asked for at the door.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Chapjian seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 a.m., July 10, 2002, in memory of Richard Mandroian, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Marla Akana