

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2003

CALL TO ORDER	The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a special meeting at Andres Duarte School Cafeteria, 1433 Crestfield Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Chapjian called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	PRESENT: Chapjian, Fasana, Finlay, Paras, Reyes ABSENT: None
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Mayor Chapjian led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Jack Collins, Duarte, stated the sign on the gun store on Huntington Drive has been hit a few times by bullets from across the street at the gun club, and has been used as a target. Fasana inquired about notice given for this meeting. Staff stated fliers were sent home with Andres Duarte students, Youthworks distributed fliers to 700 homes, there were two press releases, a notice was in the Duarte view and on the City's website, and it was on the school's marquee.
STAFF PRESENTATIONS Duarte Skate Park	Director of Community Development Ed Cox provided an update about the Duarte Skate Park, discussed site location, size, design features, signage, and protective gear requirements, and in response to questions from the audience, stated the park will be open to all ages, hours of operation will be the same as the parks, skaters were involved during the design aspect, and wearing of protective gear is an enforcement issue. Cox further discussed improvements at Beardslee Park, restrooms at Otis Gordon Park, and future park on Mountain Avenue.
Youth Fair	Recreation Coordinator George Dang provided information about the annual Youth Fair to be held on Saturday, June 14, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at Duarte Park, and discussed events, participants, sports, education opportunities, and activities for youth of all ages.
Maryvale Daycare Facility	Cox presented a report about the proposed expansion of the Maryvale Daycare facility, acquisition of property, and comprehensive development of the area, and in response to questions from the audience, discussed parking, drop-off site, and conceptual site plan.
Duarte Courts Housing Project	Cox presented a report about the proposed Duarte Courts Housing Project, located at the former Trails Restaurant site, and discussed the project design, style of homes, and courtyards, and responded to questions from the audience about guest parking, overflow parking, garages, access, driveways, traffic capacity, study about proposed traffic signal at Crestfield, impact on schools based on the increase in population, school impact fee paid by developers, access to Huntington Drive by neighborhood residents, new homes across the street, and property that includes the Capri.
Royal Liquor/Gun Store property	Cox provided information about the acquisition of Royal Liquor and the gun store, and discussed the land appraisal,

fixture/equipment appraisal, good will appraisal, and property purchased from willing sellers. Cox responded to questions from the audience about the boundaries of the project, lack of demand for commercial due to limited population base, attempts to develop that area commercially, lack of freeway visibility, and the Elks Lodge. Duff stated the Redevelopment Agency will have more control over this project as it will own the property, the Municipal Code affects the entire City, there is a market place reality and formula used for restaurant placement, and the market dictates that the choice for blighted structures and vacant lots is residential.

Bill Hyatt, Duarte, stated the focus could be on smaller business owners/operators in the area.

Duff discussed retail opportunities the City is pursuing in other parts of the City. Cox responded to inquiries about water runoff, speed bumps, and traffic signals.

Home Rebate Grant Program

Cox described the home rebate and the grant programs, including funding, what the programs cover, income eligibility qualifications, lead base paint abatement issue, and asbestos issue, suggested residents complete an application to see if they qualify, and responded to a question from the audience about contractors.

Crime Statistics

Director of Safety Coordination Don Anderson displayed charts summarizing crime statistics, discussed residential burglaries in Area 7, vehicle crimes, involvement with the Neighborhood Watch Program, citizen assistance concerning gang activity, youth traffic offender program, helmet program, and the motorcycle traffic deputy. In response to questions from the audience concerning the Sheriff's Department, Anderson stated the number of officers is based on a formula consisting of the number of calls for service, response times, population, and crimes, traffic officers are moved around throughout the City, schools are a priority in the morning, some crossing guards were eliminated as the warrant counts were not met, if the location meets the warrants, the City pays for the crossing guard, if it does not meet the warrants, the School District pays for the crossing guard if they want one at that location, information about sex offenders is available at the Temple Station, explained the legal requirements for driving motorized scooters, stated a recent arrest in the area was made due to a resident's call to the Sheriff's station, and encouraged residents to call when there are problems.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vivion Rostker, Duarte, commended City Manager Duff for Duarte's progress under his implementation, and stated the moneyspent is peanuts compared to where we have gone and where we are going.

Jack Collins, Duarte, stated the One Town One Book Committee will be selecting the one book to be recommended for the City to read and discuss over the summer and a celebration will be held on June 28, 10:00 a.m., at the patio, announced Northview School banquet for the debate team on June 4, and recommended the installation of restrooms along the bike path.

Bill Hyatt, Duarte, thanked Council and staff for coming to the area, thanked Mr. Cox for helping his neighbor with a

roof permit problem, and stated residents in this area are locked in by traffic in the morning and in the evening.

Robert Barron, Duarte, stated Elmhurst is a busy street and requested sidewalks be placed there, and stated the speed sign posted on Elmhurst is covered by a tree. Duff suggested Mr. Barron provide information to Mr. Cox, and residents on Elmhurst can be surveyed for sidewalks.

Lino Paras, Duarte, stated there are no lights on his street, it is a walkway for school children, the majority of the residents do not want to pay for lights, Mr. Cox's department is customer-friendly, the money paid to Mr. Duff is not considered peanuts, there is a Traffic and Safety Commission meeting tonight, and he found out the undeveloped land going east at the end of Sunnydale is owned by the City.

Cox stated the strip of land on Sunnydale was originally intended to be a future extension of Sunnydale to the east, the Traffic and Safety Commission is discussing it tonight, and it will be brought to the City Council with a Traffic and Safety and Planning Commission recommendation.

City Councilmembers thanked community residents, City staff, and other Councilmembers for their efforts and for attending this meeting, expressed appreciation for the outreach efforts, noted there will be an increase in traffic over the region in the future, stated it is good for the residents to be educated and provide input, they hoped this meeting was helpful to the residents, and invited attendance at the regular City Council Meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 9:20 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor George Chapjian

ATTEST:

City Clerk