

MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
SPECIAL MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER The City Council of the City of Duarte met in a special meeting at Valley View Elementary School, 237 Melcanyon Road, Duarte, California. Mayor Finlay called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras, Reyes, Finlay
ABSENT: None

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Beth Lohr, Valley View Office Manager, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Paras moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS The following presentations were made:
Ed Cox, Director of Community Development – General Plan update. The public was invited to participate as much as possible in the City’s upcoming General Plan update process.
Kristen Petersen, Assistant to the City Manager – Hillside preservation, particularly related to the large parcels of private property owned by Pacific Communities and Darrel Wright. It was noted that City staff is working on a grant application with the Wildlife Conservation Board for the Pacific Communities property, and the Trust for Public Land is working on a grant application for the Wright and Romvary properties located in the city of Azusa. Alan Heller, resident, stated the preservation of the Wright and Romvary properties is very important, as the Vulcan operation is just east of the property.
Don Anderson, Director of Safety Coordination – Crime information. Crime statistics in the City of Duarte were presented. It was noted that automobile theft continues to be a problem, and several suggestions were given as to how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim.
Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager – Vulcan Materials. Information was provided about Vulcan’s recent application to the city of Azusa for a new CUP that would expand the operations area by 80 acres to the west. It was noted that the City of Duarte’s opportunity for comment on the application will come with the submittal of the Environmental Impact Report. Stan Kiernicki, Alan Heller, Daniel Hyke, and Karen Vance spoke in strong opposition to the project. Jim Gore, Vulcan, responded to some of the issues raised, and requested an opportunity to give a full presentation before the City Council and the public at a future date.

ADJOURNMENT The special meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m., to the regular City Council Meeting of March 8, 2005, 7:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk