

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2006

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Gaston (7:28 p.m.), Reyes,
Paras-Caracci

ABSENT: None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager
George, City Attorney Slater

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Assemblymember Liu led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A silent moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP

Fasana led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Health Fair on September 20 at City of Hope, and J & L Subs grand opening on September 21.

Karen Herrera, Duarte's Promise, announced College Fair on September 26.

J. P. Harris invited all to attend the parade on September 1\26 and thanked parade sponsors.

Nita Norgard, Friends of the Duarte Library, announced Festival of Authors on October 7, and invited all students to enter the writer's contest.

Donna Banos, L. A. County Library, announced that the Duarte Library will now be open Monday through Saturday.

Kristen Petersen announced that applications are being accepted for two City Commission vacancies.

Lino Paras thanked parade committee members and invited all to enjoy the parade.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – City of Hope
Internship Program graduates

Karen Herrera described the Health Occupations Internship Program and introduced teacher Sarah Uribe. City Councilmembers congratulated the 25 graduates on their accomplishments.

Presentation – Assemblymember
Carol Liu

Assemblymember Carol Liu presented the State of the State address, including recent issues and activities in Sacramento, budget highlights, and legislation she authored, and expressed appreciation for being allowed to serve the residents of Duarte.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.

Receive and File Item F.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Bill 06-R-33
Supports Proposition 84

Slater read by title Council Bill 06-R-33:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 84 (CLEAN WATER, PARKS, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND) ON THE NOVEMBER 2006 BALLOT

RESOLUTION NO. 06-33	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 06-33, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 06-R-34 Encanto Nature Walk Project	Slater read by title Council Bill 06-R-34: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT FOR FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT EXCESS FUNDING FOR THE ENCANTO NATURE WALK PROJECT
RESOLUTION NO. 06-34	Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to adopt Resolution No. 06-34, and carried unanimously.
BUSINESS ITEMS Appeal – Planning Commission CUP 06-1 – Mejia’s Rancho Restaurant, 1505 Huntington Dr.	Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, provided a staff report about the appeal submitted by Mejia’s Rancho Restaurant pertaining to CUP 06-1 (Entertainment Permit), and listed the four options available for City Council action. Sandra Mejia suggested the City Council let them proceed without a public hearing, stated they need time to make the improvements, they would like a trial period, and a public hearing would prolong the issue. Alfredo Mejia stated the season for banquets is approaching, he would like to see a decision tonight, and asked that the City Council grant them an opportunity for a trial period. Reyes asked if Ms. Mejia was asking that City Council affirm the Planning Commission decision. She stated no, they do not have the money to make the improvements now, and they need more time.
Public Hearing set – 9/26/06	Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to set the matter for a Public Hearing on September 26, 2006, and carried unanimously.
Notice of Completion Asphalt Concrete Pavement Repair – Sully-Miller Contracting	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to accept the Asphalt Concrete Pavement Repair Program Phase III project, per staff recommendation, authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously.
Duarte-In-Bronze Statue Location – Timeline	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to place the Andres Duarte statue on the City-owned property fronting Huntington Drive, as outlined in the staff report, and carried unanimously.
Probation Department Overview	Aida Torres, Public Safety Coordinator, and Deputy Jeffrey Schweitzer, Acting Supervisor, Los Angeles County Probation, presented an overview of the services provided to the City of Duarte by the Los Angeles County Probation Department, including Youthworks, DART program, graffiti abatement, educational classes, and counseling services.
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY Services Agreement – ADK & A Duarte Town Center Concept Plan RFP	Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the professional services agreement with Allan Kotin & Associates (ADK & A) for the preparation of the Duarte Town Center Concept Plan RFP, and carried unanimously.
CLOSED SESSIONS 1) City Manager Performance Evaluation (continued) 2) Mountain Avenue properties	Mayor Paras-Caracci called two Closed Sessions at 9:12 p.m. Slater stated the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) and 54956.6, Public Employee Performance Evaluation; Title of position: City Manager; Designated Representative: Dan Slater, City Attorney. Slater stated the second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Agency Negotiators: Darrell George, Ed Cox; Negotiating

Parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Affiliated Jacobsen Family Holdings 1, LLC; Herminia E. Jensen Trust; Chen Cheng Hsiung and Grace L.; Elm Properties, LLC; Ruben and Reina C. Morales; Eleonora Tardiff Trust; Dixon Mary A. Trust; Simon and Maria Guerrero; Thomas Metcalf and Karyn Obryant; Aurelio and Bernarda Bugarin; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Pertaining to the following properties generally located East of Mountain Avenue and North of Central Avenue, including on and in the vicinity of Bloomdale Avenue and Park Rose Avenue: APN 8530-012-025, 8530-012-026, 8530-012-27, 8530-012-28, 8530-012-29, 8530-012-37, 8530-012-38, 8530-012-39, 8530-012-40, 8530-012-41, 8530-012-42, 8530-012-43, 8530-012-44, 8530-12-45, 8530-012-46, 8530-012-47, 8530-012-67, 8530-012-001, 8530-012-002, 8530-012-003, 8530-012-004, 8530-012-005, 8530-012-006, 8530-012-007, 8530-012-008, 8530-012-009, 8530-12-010, 8530-012-031, 8530-012-32, 8530-012-073, 8530-012-074, 8530-013-003, 8530-013-004, 8530-013-018, 8530-013-007, 8530-013-006, 8530-013-005, 8530-013-040, 8530-013-041.

City Council reconvened at 10:30 p.m. Slater stated during the first Closed Session, the City Council performed the evaluation of the City Manager, and voted unanimously to ask the City Attorney's office to prepare an amendment to the City Manager's contract to provide for a new three-year term. The amendment will be presented at the next City Council Meeting for formal consideration.

With regard to the second Closed Session item, Slater stated the Agency Board discussed price and terms of payment for the real properties identified on the Agenda, and unanimously authorized staff to continue negotiating with the two potential owner participants, Affiliated Jacobsen Family Holdings 1, LLC, and Herminia E. Jensen Trust, to continue the property acquisition process that had begun with presentation of offer letters to the property owners, and to include the two owner participants among the properties receiving formal offers, with no further action taken.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

FASANA: Requested a report back to City Council about options to restrict the hours when trash can be put out in a specific geographic area.

REYES: 1) Attended the League conference in San Diego, and distributed information on the "No on Prop 90" campaign; 2) Thanked all who attended the mediation meeting related to violence in Monrovia and Duarte, and stated the next meeting will be at Pamela Park on September 30 at 9:00 a.m.; and 3) Congratulated the parade committee for its work.

GASTON: 1) Attended the League conference in San Diego, and discussed information about ballot issues and issues that the delegates voted on; 2) Will attend the Executive Board Meeting of California Contract Cities, where issues pertaining to law enforcement and trauma centers will be discussed; 3) Announced e-waste recycling event in Bradbury on September 28-30; 4) Thanked all who attended the Education Foundation fundraiser dinner; and 5) Asked that the policy pertaining to the purchase of excursion tickets from the Senior Center be reviewed, and stated she will provide the City Manager with a copy of the letter she received.

PARAS-CARACCI: 1) Attended and spoke at the California Association of Healthcare Facilities luncheon at Santa Teresita

Hospital; 2) Attended the Set for Life Health Fair; and 3) Invited all to attend the Route 66 Parade, car show, and picnic, and thanked the past and present parade committees.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m., in memory of Arthur Velasquez, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

City Clerk