

MINUTES

**DUARTE CITY COUNCIL/DUARTE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT/
MONROVIA-ARCADIA-DUARTE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT SESSION – NOVEMBER 28, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Duarte, the Board of Directors of the Duarte Unified School District, and the Monrovia-Arcadia-Duarte Town Council met in a special joint session in the Duarte Community Center, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. The session was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
ROLL CALL	<p>CITY COUNCIL Fasana, Finlay, Gaston, Reyes, Paras-Caracci</p> <p>SCHOOL DISTRICT Bell, Brooks, Diaz, Figueroa, Kawasaki</p> <p>TOWN COUNCIL Hall, Huff, Nicoloro</p>
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	The Agenda was adopted by those present.
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION Public and Campus Safety	Director of Public Safety Services Brian Villalobos presented an overview of efforts to address public and campus safety issues, and reported on Sheriff Department staffing and allocation of resources. Sergeant Dave Bly presented statistics on safety issues and how those statistics related to prior years, and discussed the correlation of efforts with Temple Station, Monrovia Police Department, District Attorney, and Department of Children’s Services. City Councilmembers and School Boardmembers discussed follow-up efforts, including the expansion of public safety email alerts. David Hall spoke on behalf of the Town Council concerning public safety issues in the unincorporated areas.
Anticipated Development Projects	<p>Assistant Superintendent Gary Cardinale reported on the renovation of spectator services (sports field bleachers, concessions, restrooms, fencing, landscaping) and fine arts complex (music, theater, dance, mass media studio components), and displayed group renderings of the proposed projects. There was discussion about upgrades to the sound system, lighting, video/audio streaming, use of internet, broadband, and extended learning interactions with Citrus College.</p> <p>City Manager Darrell George reported on the proposed Best Buy and commercial/retail center at Mountain/Central Avenues, and the proposed development at the corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street. Director of Community Development Ed Cox presented information about the Maryvale School and Day Care Center project and the Duarte Gardens project.</p>
Encanto Nature Walk update	The item about the Encanto Nature Walk update was not presented due to the absence of the representative from Amigos de los Rios.
Sister School/Student Exchange Program	City Councilmember Phillip Reyes discussed the possibility of instituting a pilot program for a Sister School/Student Exchange Program with one or more schools in the People’s Republic of China, specifically with schools in the Dalian area.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS Jay Gomez, Supervisor Michael Antonovich's office, spoke about the efforts being made to address public safety, code enforcement, and other concerns of residents in the unincorporated areas.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
SCHOOL BOARD/TOWN
COUNCIL City Councilmembers and School Boardmembers spoke about the joint efforts being made by each entity to address issues in the community, and the excellent rapport and communication to resolve problems that arise.

ADJOURNMENT The special joint session was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk