

MINUTES

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 23, 2007**

At 5:00 p.m., a Workshop was conducted as stated below.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

WORKSHOP – Redevelopment Agency budget capacity Presentations were made and discussion ensued pertaining to the Redevelopment Agency budget capacity. Assistant City Manager Michael Yelton provided a detailed analysis of the Redevelopment Agency’s financial resources. City/Agency Attorney Dan Slater presented information about California Redevelopment Law and Redevelopment Agency powers. The Workshop concluded at 6:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION
Northeast corner of Buena Vista/Huntington Drive

At 6:40 p.m., a Closed Session was held pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8, Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Agency negotiators: Darrell George, Ed Cox, Karen Herrera; Property: The properties listed under “Negotiating Parties” below, which properties are generally located at the Northeast corner of Buena Vista/Huntington Drive, City of Duarte; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Negotiating Parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and: Lowe Enterprise; The Olson Group; Florence and Joseph Deverman et al, 1415 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-069; Alex Romo Inc., 1405 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-070, 8530-004-071; Gair, George and Saman Diab, 1303 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-072; Old Town Inc., 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-074; Rite Aid Surplus Real Estate Dept Store #36069, 1335 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-078; Old Town Inc., 1337 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-079; Old Town Inc., 1338 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-080; Old Town Inc., 1345 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-081; Dunn Properties, (Parking Lot Strip), APN 8530-004-082; Hemine Hovsepi, 1355 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-083; Consolidated Stores, Inc., 1325 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-091, 8530-004-092, 8530-004-093; Mike Krasowski and GS Trs M. Krasowski, 1305 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-094; Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte, 1423 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-900; Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte, 1437 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-901. The Closed Session concluded at 7:04 P.M.

PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION Slater stated during the Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed price and terms of payment, and unanimously directed staff to continue discussions with Lowe Enterprise, The Olson Group, and the property owners (listed above), with no further action taken.

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 Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Reyes (left at 8:25 p.m.), Gaston
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Dori Neuman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	Finlay provided a moment of reflection.
FITNESS WARM-UP	Paras-Caracci led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced the re-opening of the library on January 24, and Black History Month program on February 10 at 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Karen Herrera announced Duarte's Promise Groundhog Job Shadow Day on February 20, and stated there is a need for business community mentors.</p> <p>Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber, announced upcoming Chamber events, and discussed the Chamber's participation in the City's 50th Anniversary celebration.</p> <p>Will Baca, Senator Romero's Office, stated he attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Day event, and presented a certificate to Mayor Gaston in recognition of the City's celebration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr.</p>
SPECIAL ITEMS	
Proclamation – City of Duarte's 50 th Anniversary	Mayor Gaston announced the launch of the City of Duarte's 50 th Anniversary celebration, read the Proclamation proclaiming the year 2007 as the City of Duarte's 50 th Anniversary, and invited all to participate in the many upcoming events to celebrate the City's 50 th Anniversary.
Recognition – Jose Diaz 95 th Birthday	Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Jose Diaz and his family, and presented him with a cake in recognition of his 95 th birthday. Mayor Gaston presented Mr. Diaz with a Certificate, and congratulations were extended.
Recognition – Mitchell Michaelis Eagle Scout	Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager, introduced Mitchell Michaelis and described his Eagle Scout project. Mayor Gaston presented him with a Certificate in recognition of his achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
Recognition – Monrovia Police Department	Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, introduced members of the Monrovia Police Department, and thanked them for their partnership with the City of Duarte. Mayor Gaston presented Certificates to Chief Roger Johnson, Sergeant Tom Loy, and Officer William Burkhalter in appreciation of their dedication and service to provide a safe environment in the City of Monrovia and the City of Duarte.
Presentation – Metro Gold Line Authority	Brian Jackson, Senior Associate, IBI Group, consultant team for Metro Gold Line Authority, presented an overview of transit-oriented development (TOD) opportunities in relation to the proposed Gold Line Station, including examples of TOD, benefits, opportunities for Duarte, possible concepts, current status of work effort, visioning/outreach, and conclusions of the study.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Dori Neuman – Nurseries on Royal Oaks Drive. Mark Montgomery – 50 th anniversary celebrations.
CONSENT CALENDAR Item Added (G)	<p>Paras-Caracci stated she received an invitation from the Santa Anita YMCA to attend a Model Legislature and Court Program in Sacramento on February 16, she would like to attend, and requested that it be added to the Consent Calendar, since she needs to RSVP by February 1. Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to add the item to Conference Attendance (Item G), and carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mayor Gaston removed Item D for discussion.</p> <p>Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, E, F, G.</p>

Item Removed (D)	<p>Georgino gave a brief staff report about the agreement between City of Duarte and Duarte Unified School District for use of the City-owned Fitness Center Pool for the Spring 2007 Swim Team season.</p> <p>Mayor Gaston suggested the City meet with the School District to see how to bridge the gap financially so the pool can be used year-round.</p> <p>Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve Item D, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>ORDINANCE Council Bill 07-O-01 Prohibits activities in violation of law (First Reading)</p>	<p>Slater read by title Council Bill 07-O-01:</p> <p>AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 1.04 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISION PROHIBITING ACTIVITIES IN VIOLATION OF LAW (First Reading)</p> <p>Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to introduce Council Bill 07-O-01 for first reading, and carried unanimously.</p>
<p>BUSINESS ITEMS CDBG Advisory Board recommendation</p>	<p>Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, described the adjustments included in the CDBG Advisory Board recommendation to reflect City Council action on December 12, 2006.</p> <p>Larry Ortega, Community Union, Inc., and Kevin Morris, Mt. Olive Principal, discussed the partnership and program benefits for students.</p> <p>Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects and allocation of funds as reviewed and approved by the CDBG Advisory Committee, with the provision to allow staff to make adjustments as necessary due to annual allocation budget increases or decreases, and carried unanimously.</p>
2007/08 Budget Calendar	<p>City Council unanimously concurred with the 2007/08 Budget Calendar proposed by staff, and set the Budget Workshop for Monday, April 30, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., and Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. (if needed).</p>
Discussion – Youth delegation visit to China	<p>Finlay stated that the Duarte High School choir and other youths will be traveling to China for eight days in April 2007 to interact with local students and to perform at various schools, asked that staff support be provided if needed, and announced donations will be received at Duarte High School.</p>
ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER	<p>PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked mentors who serve youth through the Mentor Program, and stated there is a need for male mentors.</p> <p>FINLAY: Stated recently there were bears in her pool and on the roof of her neighbor’s home; congratulated Duarte High School for receiving an award from the Los Angeles Regional Agency for its recycling efforts; and stated while in Sacramento attending the Contract Cities meeting, she met with the Governor’s staff and learned about the healthcare proposal.</p> <p>FASANA: Stated the Duarte Mediation Team has met and will be conducting an event in March; asked that a resolution supporting the 10/605 Interchange be on the next City Council Agenda and, if adopted, that it be sent to the California Transportation Commission members; attended a transportation summit held by Assemblymember Hernandez where there were discussions about the 10/605 Interchange and Gold Line; and stated he believes there should be some level of oversight to</p>

ensure we have the right levels of technology and equipment at our Fire Department, and asked that we receive regular reports of incidents that occur.

GASTON: Thanked all who attended and participated in the LARA recycling awards and Martin Luther King Jr. Day event; asked that each City Councilmember select one Promise Fellow to partner with and encourage; stated if organizations would like to use the City's 50th Anniversary logo, a release form is needed; provided information to the City Manager about citizen concerns pertaining to hazardous street crossing on Huntington Drive, potholes and lack of lane lines on the road in Irwindale, and hand-held signage on streets; stated sandwich board signs are being placed on the sidewalks of Las Lomas on the weekends; stated she has attended a number of League meetings, the Contract Cities Executive Board meeting, Legislative Tour, met with a number of elected officials in Sacramento, and attended the Sanitation District meeting; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sergeant Brian Wilson and Judy Ogden.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m., in memory of Sergeant Brian Wilson and Judy Ogden, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk