

**MINUTES**

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE  
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 13, 2007**

At 6:00 p.m., a Closed Session was held (as stated below). Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m., with three members present (Finlay and Paras-Caracci were absent from the Closed Session).

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**CLOSED SESSION**

Northwest corner of Buena Vista/Huntington Drive

Slater stated the Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with Real Property Negotiators; Agency Negotiators: Darrell George, Karen Herrera; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte, and Fountainhead Development; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning Agency-owned property at 1263 Huntington Drive, Duarte (Vacant lot at northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street). The Closed Session concluded at 6:50 p.m.

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, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Gaston  
ABSENT: Finlay  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Laura Bibb led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

A moment of reflection was observed.

**FITNESS WARM-UP**

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

**PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Slater stated during the Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed the price and terms of payment, and unanimously (with Finlay and Paras-Caracci absent) directed staff and legal counsel to develop a Disposition and Development Agreement with FountainHead Development for consideration at a Public Hearing at a future Council Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Karen Herrera, Duarte's Promise, announced César Chávez Day volunteer event on March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Women's History Month dance program on March 24 at 2:00 p.m.

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced State of the City/School District on March 14 at 11:30 a.m., and congratulated the award recipients.

Miguel Mejia, DYAC, announced Opening Day event and homecoming on March 17 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**SPECIAL ITEMS  
Blue Star Banner**

Kristen Petersen, Deputy City Manager, described the Blue Star Banner program. Mayor Gaston presented a Blue Star Banner to the mother of Kevin Bibb, and expressed appreciation for his military service.

**Proclamation  
DYAC/Duarte Youth Acres**

Mayor Gaston read and presented the Proclamation for DYAC/Duarte Youth Acres Day to Ed Houlemarde and Nita Carey, and congratulations were extended.

Proclamation American Red Cross Month	Mayor Gaston read and presented the Proclamation for American Red Cross Month to Nimfa Rueda, and congratulations were extended.
Recognition – DHS Academic Decathlon Team	Mayor Gaston introduced team members and advisor of the Duarte High School Academic Decathlon Team, and presented them with Certificates in recognition of their placing fifth in the 2006-07 Los Angeles County competition.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Lino Paras – March madness, beautification awards, parade.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E.
BUSINESS ITEMS 2006/07 State Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds	Brian Villalobos provided a staff report about the recommendation for use of the State Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services Funds for the 2006/07 fiscal year Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) program.  Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve the use of the 2006/07 State Supplemental Local Law Enforcement Services grant funds for front line law enforcement services, specifically, the motorcycle deputy, special deputy overtime patrols, school resource deputy, motorcycle patrol, and the Duarte and Monrovia Active Gang Enforcement (DAMAGE) task force, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.
Award of Contract Annual Concrete Repair Program Martinez Concrete, Inc.	Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to award the contract to Martinez Concrete, Inc., for Annual Concrete Repair Program, per staff recommendation, authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.
Appeal of Planning Commission CUP 05-02 – 2333 High Mesa	George provided a staff report about the appeal submitted by Mr. Jimmy Lee pertaining to CUP 05-02 (request to exceed the maximum 18' height limit for a 4,061 square foot single-family house in the R-1D zone), and listed the four options available for City Council action.
Public Hearing set – 4/24/07	Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to set the matter for a Public Hearing on April 24, 2007, and carried unanimously.
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY Award of Contract Site Clearance –1648 Huntington American Wrecking, Inc.	Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to award the contract to American Wrecking, Inc., for Site Clearance at 1648 Huntington Drive, per staff recommendation, authorize execution by the Chairperson, and carried unanimously.
ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER	PARAS-CARACCI: Attended National League of Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., where she serves on the Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials Board and the Council on Youth, Education, and Families; and asked if CPR courses are offered to the public. Georgino responded.  REYES: Requested an item be placed on a future Agenda about recognition of organizations and volunteers who have served the community for a number of years so their legacy is not forgotten.  FASANA: Attended League of California Cities L.A. Division meeting where the Governor's Goods Movement Action Plan was discussed; stated Alameda Corridor East is opening a grade separation next Monday; thanked staff for cleanup at Opal Canyon/Brookridge; thanked the Sheriff and Public Safety Departments for the fliers about home burglaries; noted due to the lack of rain, we need to be extra vigilant on making sure debris

basins are maintained properly, and requested feedback as to why the debris basins were taken out above Opal Canyon and Melcanyon; announced Emergency Preparedness Fair on April 14, 10:00 a.m., at IHOP parking lot; stated the Foothill Transit Silver Streak will begin service from El Monte next week; noted although we have not received bond funding from the State for the 10/605 interchange and carpool lanes, these items are at the top of the funding priority process from L.A. County; and discussed the athletic and academic performance of Duarte High School, as well as the great partnerships that exist.

GASTON: Thanked all who attended the meetings pertaining to the 10/605 interchange; asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Fred Hewitt; announced A Hero's Tribute from April 26-28; stated the USS Pasadena has docked in San Diego; attended the Contract Cities Board Meeting, where a request was made for the City to provide gift prizes for the May sessions; stated the City of Hope's February publication includes pictures of Dr. Martinez and students in the research lab; announced State of the City on March 14; stated the City's local government news podcast is the most listened to in the world; stated she participated in a 30-minute radio interview last week in Washington, D.C.; congratulated all elected to office on March 6; and congratulated Mike Yelton for being named 2007 Employee of the Year.

GEORGE: Stated he, Kristen Petersen, Mike Yelton, Suzanne Harrell, and a representative from Rutan & Tucker made presentations to Wall Street last week, and the City received an A-minus rating; and stated as it appears there will not be a quorum for the April 10 City Council Meeting, suggested the meeting be held on April 17, 2007. City Council concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m., in memory of Fred Hewitt, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

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City Clerk