

MINUTES

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 17, 2007**

At 5:00 p.m., a Workshop and three Closed Sessions were conducted. Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m., with four members present (Fasana arrived at 6:01 p.m.).

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

**WORKSHOP – Civic Center
Improvement Plan**

Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, presented information about the proposed Civic Center improvement plan, including capital projects and maintenance projects. The Workshop concluded at 6:30 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS

- 1) Northeast corner Buena Vista/
Huntington Drive
- 2) Southeast corner Bloomdale/
Mountain
- 3) 962 Huntington Drive

Following the Workshop, three Closed Sessions were held, as stated below.

Robert Cuite stated it was important for the City to stick to the original Downtown Duarte concept.

Slater stated the first Closed Session was 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.

Slater stated the second Closed Session was 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 Frank Saumur; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Property: Southeast corner of Bloomdale/Mountain; APN 8530-12-001.

Slater stated the third Closed Session was 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 Attalla Family Partnership; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning: 962 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-013-008 (.41 acres of vacant commercial land). The Closed Sessions concluded at 6:50 p.m.

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in an adjourned regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Gaston
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Jan Wight 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 first Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed price and terms of payment, and unanimously authorized staff to negotiate the terms of an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement for a six-month period with The Olson Company, which will be presented to the Agency Board for formal approval at a subsequent meeting. During the second Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed price and terms of payment, and unanimously authorized staff to continue negotiations with the property owner. During the third Closed Session, the Agency Board discussed price and terms of payment, and unanimously approved the acquisition of the property located at 962 Huntington Drive, and authorized staff to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement for acquisition of that property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced National Library Week and story-telling event on April 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, announced Racing Experience on April 19, legislative luncheon on April 27, breakfast with Senator Romero on May 11, 86th Installation on June 1, and Golf Tournament on July 19, and noted the recent passing of former Chamber members Hans Sulzer and Guiseppe Fanara.

Karen Herrera, Duarte's Promise, announced Hoop Challenge event on April 21, Rebuilding Together event on April 28, forum commemorating Rotary's landmark case on May 4, and Immunization Fair on May 5 at Maxwell School.

Finlay asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Arteria Washington, and announced that Duarte High School received the designation as a California Distinguished School from the California State Board of Education.

SPECIAL ITEMS
Recognition – Michelle Trail

Mayor Gaston introduced and congratulated Michelle Trail for receiving the 2007 Woman of Distinction Award from Congresswoman Hilda Solis, and thanked her for her volunteerism.

Recognition – Ed Cox

Silvia Hurtado described the prestige associated with the William A. Dunlap Fellowship Award, stated Ed Cox had received the award at the Kiwanis Governor's Dinner, and presented him with the medallion. Mayor Gaston presented Mr. Cox a Certificate in recognition of his award, and congratulations were extended.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke about items not on the Agenda:
Leticia Colon – DCTV funding, equipment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, E, F, G, H.
Receive and File Item D, I.

RESOLUTIONS
Council Bill 07-R-06
Third Amended JPA
San Gabriel Valley COG

Slater read by title Council Bill 07-R-06:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 07-06

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Resolution No. 07-06 and the agreement, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES
Council Bill 07-O-04
Senate Bill 53 – Real Property
(First Reading)

Slater read by title Council Bill 07-O-04:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE CONFORMING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SENATE BILL 53, CHAPTER 591 OF THE STATUTES OF 2006, AS CODIFIED IN CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 33342.7, TO DESCRIBE THE PROGRAM OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN (First Reading)

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to introduce Council Bill 07-O-04 for first reading, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

FINLAY: Stated she was part of a delegation that took choir students to China to perform, stated it was a great opportunity for the youth, and discussed experiences from the trip.

FASANA: Attended the Emergency Preparedness Fair, and thanked staff and vendors; congratulated staff for the wonderful statue dedication event; congratulated Duarte's Promise for its work at the César Chávez Day event; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the students and faculty who were victims of the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

REYES: Stated he also was part of the China delegation, he met with the Director of Foreign Affairs and visited a number of schools, stated the potential exists for an adult teacher exchange, and the youth represented our City very well; thanked Duarte's Promise for the César Chávez Day event at the City of Hope; thanked staff for assisting with the bus stop at Beckville and Mountain; stated the statue dedication was a great event and a tribute to the Andres Duarte family; stated the summit on education hosted by Hilda Solis was a good event; announced Duarte Mediation Team meeting on May 3 at 6:30 p.m.; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Terry Tully.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated some of the members of the community who have recently passed away envisioned something better for their families and helped build this community; and stated she went to Portland, Oregon, with the Metro Gold Line, and discussed transit oriented development and concerns of the San Gabriel Valley.

SLATER: Stated he received a notice of the settlement of an anti-trust suit against Microsoft, and the City will receive \$4,550 to use toward computer equipment purchases.

GEORGE: Stated the next regular City Council Meeting will be held April 17, and the Budget Workshop is on April 30.

GASTON: Received correspondence from Supervisor Molina thanking us for the resolution supporting 10/605 interchange; received a thank you note from Anthony Portantino for adjourn-

ing in memory of his loved one; attended the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership meeting in Pasadena, the League of California Cities Meeting in Los Angeles, Good Friday Services at Church of the Foothills, and grand opening of Busy Bee; thanked Fasana for attended the Emergency Preparedness Fair; noted the 50th anniversary events are advertised on buses and the website, and thanked staff for all the attention given to these events; thanked all who presented Proclamations to the City; attended the Educational Forum hosted by Hilda Solis; stated we need to take a look at lighting of the statue; announced Golden Essay Contest deadline is May 1; and stated the tragedy in Virginia reminds us that life is delicate.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m., in memory of Hans Sulzer, Giuseppe Fanara, Arteria Washington, Terry Tully, and the students and faculty who were victims of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk