

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 26, 2007

At 4:30 p.m., a Joint City Council/Planning Commission Workshop was conducted as stated below. Mayor Gaston and Chair Forintos called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m., and noted that all members were present.

- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Paras-Caracci moved, Fasana seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- WORKSHOP – General Plan** Presentations were made and discussion ensued pertaining to the draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report. Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, and Art Rangel, Economic Development Specialists, presented in detail the draft of the General Plan, and answered questions from City Councilmembers and Planning Commissioners. Collette Morse, RBF Consulting, presented the draft Environmental Impact Report. The Workshop concluded at 6:35 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 7:00 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** Boy Scout Troop 185 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.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Gerald Delker introduced members of Boy Scout Troop 185, encouraged participation in the Scouts, announced Casino Night at the Elks Lodge on June 30, donation of dictionaries in September, possibility of Duarte participation in L.A. County Fair Community Day, and BBQ at the Veteran's Hospital in Loma Linda on October 20.
- Miguel Mejia, DYAC, introduced and congratulated Demetrius Pontikes, winner of the Pitch Hit Run Competition on June 23, and invited all to participate in the Route 66 Parade.
- Jan Wight, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, thanked all who participated in the Huntington Courts groundbreaking, stated there are eight new board members, and announced MAD Golf Tournament on July 19.
- Karen Herrera stated the draft General Plan and Environmental Impact Report are available for public viewing at the Duarte Library, City Hall, and the City's website, the Planning Commission will hold its public hearing on July 16, announced Duarte's Promise Back-to-School event on August 23, and stated Duarte Kiwanis/Duarte's Promise fireworks booth will be located at Ralphs Shopping Center.
- Sister Carmen Therese, Santa Teresita Medical Center, stated they are celebrating their 80th anniversary, and announced the redefined mission is to focus on long-term health care, serving the senior population.

K. C. Caracci stated the Route 66 Parade's theme is "Celebrating 50 Golden Years on Route 66", the 12th annual parade will be on September 22, there will be raffles at the City Picnic and the concerts, and announced Casino Night on June 30.

Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced summer reading program on Tuesdays and Fridays from June 26 – August 4.

Donna Georgino announced that in addition to the Concert in the Park on June 27, there will also be a celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Duarte Teen Center.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – PhotoVoice Project

Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, introduced Jasmine Klinton and Duarte Teen Nutrition Council students Telesforo Barreto, Melissa Chacon, and Corina Sanchez, who had participated in the Photo Voice Project. The students described the program and their photos.

Recognition – Golden Essay Contest winners

Becky Evans, Administration Department Secretary, introduced Allison Cucuiat and Erick Mendez, who were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Southern California Gas Company for winning the 50th Anniversary Golden Essay Contest. The students read their essays titled "Duarte – The Next 50 Years."

Recognition – People Helping People volunteers

Donna Georgino introduced Rebecca Michaelis, Teen Center Supervisor, who described the People Helping People Program. Mayor Gaston presented Certificates to the volunteers for their outstanding service to the community.

Recognition – Lorraine Perez Baldwin Park Teacher of the Year

Mayor Gaston presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Economic Development Commissioner Lorraine Perez, who was named Baldwin Park Teacher of the Year, and congratulations were extended.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Approve Items A, B, C, G, H.

Receive and File Items D, E, F.

RESOLUTIONS

Council Bill 07-R-19

Rate Schedule

Part-Time Employees

Slater read by title Council Bill 07-R-19:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ESTABLISHING AN HOURLY RATE SCHEDULE FOR PART-TIME CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

RESOLUTION NO. 07-19

Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt Resolution No. 07-19, and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

Plaza Duarte design/cost

Ed Cox, Director of Community Development, presented an overview of the Plaza Duarte conceptual design, and described the background of the project, conceptual site plan prepared by landscape architect Armstrong & Walker, construction estimate, and proposed construction schedule.

There was discussion about the agreement with the church, memory wall, lighting, statue plaque, and theme.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to proceed with the concept of the public plaza located on the north side of Huntington Drive across from City Hall, and to approve the conceptual design and cost estimate, per staff recommendation, with the idea that there will be a memory wall, and carried unanimously.

L.A. County Probation PIP Agreements

Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, provided a staff report about the services agreements with the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the two agreements with Los Angeles County Probation Department for Prevention and Intervention Programs (PIP), effective July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce
Services Agreement

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Services Agreement between the City of Duarte and the Duarte Chamber of Commerce, effective July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008, for the amount of \$47,500, and carried unanimously.

Award of contract
Road Works, Inc.
Crack Seal – Phase III

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the selection of Road Works, Inc., to perform crack sealing of residential streets north of Royal Oaks Drive, at the price of \$.33 per lineal foot, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously.

Award of contract
Hardy & Harper, Inc.
Remove/Replace Asphalt
Concrete – Phase III

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to award the contract to Hardy & Harper, Inc., for Remove and Replace Asphalt Concrete – Phase III, per staff recommendation, authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Harb Thind – Crossing signal light.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

FASANA: Attended Friends of the Library Scholarship Dinner, and congratulated those who received awards; congratulated staff for the bond closing; attended Huntington Courts groundbreaking event; and stated the Foothill Transit Store at Huntington and Highland may need to relocate, and asked staff to continue to work with adjoining communities to see if there is another partnership that can be set up for the convenience of riders and to find a transition and new location for selling passes.

FINLAY: Suggested the possibility of setting up a farmer's market on the bike trail; and stated starting June 27, helicopters will be looking for green pools to prevent mosquitoes from breeding as part of a partnership between the Pasadena Police Department and the San Gabriel Valley Vector Control.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated Mr. Patel and his family on the groundbreaking at Huntington Courts; stated she likes the idea to utilize the bike trail more and to be more creative; stated there is trash in the gutter by the basketball courts at Royal Oaks Park and in the potted plants at Target Center; stated some realtor signs displayed on the weekends block the pedestrian sidewalk; and stated reports about bears in Duarte have been on the radio, and she wants people to feel safe and also have a safe place for the bears to roam.

REYES: Stated he and the City Manager attended the ICSC Conference in Las Vegas, where there were developers, retailers, and financing groups; thanked Lorraine Perez and Bill Moore for their work with youth; congratulated the Patel family on the groundbreaking of the housing project; attended the Northwest China Association meeting and presented the Proclamation to them, and stated they may do something collectively with other cities on a regional basis; thanked all who participated in the People Helping People program; thanked staff for handling the issue at Mike's Foods; and wished all a safe 4th of July.

GASTON: Thanked Councilmember Fasana for presenting a certificate to Carol Herrera at the Council of Governments; she received a letter from the Department of Public Works thanking those who participated in the hazardous waste events; the City

received a note of thanks from Virginia Tech for adjourning in memory of the students; announced the L.A. County Board of Supervisors has invited Duarte to its meeting on July 3 in recognition of the City's 50th Anniversary; provided a request for office space from the federal government to the City Manager; complimented all graduating students; received an email from the Edison Company acknowledging the recent power outages; announced Teen Center event on June 27 prior to the concert; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Raymond Michael Martinez.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m., in memory of Raymond Michael Martinez, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk