

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – JULY 10, 2007

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.

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

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 Elisha John led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS WARM-UP Slater led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced summer reading program on Tuesdays and Fridays at 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL ITEMS
Presentation – 4th of July activity report
Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, provided a report on the recent 4th of July activities, including patrols and citations issued for illegal fireworks.

Introduction – Student Interns
Donna Georgino, Director of Parks and Recreation, described the Student Intern Program, and introduced Elisha John, Kristine Magnusson, Jesus Arellano, Mario Mendez, Jessica Joanou, and Erika Garcia. Mayor Gaston suggested the possibility of having Student Interns at the Chamber and School District offices.

CONSENT CALENDAR Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, D.
Remove Item E.

Item Removed (E)
Letter opposing Senate Bill 1020
George provided a brief staff report about Senate Bill 1020 pertaining to waste diversion mandates, and stated if approved, the letter of opposition would be sent to Senator Padilla.
Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to approve Item E, and carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Steve Hernandez – Traffic, traffic studies.

**ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER** PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she was glad the 4th of July holiday was safe; announced Neighborhood Watch block party on August 7; and stated she was notified of two instances where persons dressed as contractors went to residents' homes and stole items, and noted it is good for the neighborhood to be aware.

REYES: Attended Concert in the Park, and noted it was also the tenth anniversary of the Teen Center and boxing program; requested a discussion item on a future Agenda about increased Sheriff's patrol for the summer months; thanked staff and all involved with fireworks; requested a policy regarding a cultural arts fee be brought to City Council; and thanked the Supervisor for adding extra patrol coverage in the County area. Slater noted

with regard to a public arts fee, in each of the redevelopment projects that have come forward during the past few years, there has been an art component imposed through the authority of the Redevelopment Agency rather than a City fee, and stated that can be revisited.

FASANA: Inquired about restaurant grading; suggested the possibility of a household survey being conducted, and inquired if that could be performed by Duarte's Promise; stated he met with residents on Fernley Drive, inquired about the traffic study, and suggested it could be a good location for a test case; announced Concert in the Park on July 11 will include an All-America City reunion; appreciated Supervisor Antonovich recognizing Duarte's 50th Anniversary at a Board of Supervisors Meeting; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Victor Garcia. George stated the item about restaurant grading would be on the Agenda in August, and with regard to the traffic study, he would provide the information to City Council.

FINLAY: Stated Supervisor Antonovich regularly visits with staff and City Council, he is instrumental in assisting with grants, and thanked him; thanked the Elks Club for its recent fundraiser; and stated she appreciated the help from other fireworks booths when the Ed Foundation booth ran out of supplies, and thanked all for working well together.

GASTON: Stated a neighbor on Deerlande had a problem with skunks, and suggested a refresher on what services are handled by the City, County, and Vector Control; she and Karen Herrera met with the Rivers & Mountains Conservancy regarding possible grant opportunities, and invited ideas and suggestions; encouraged residents to call the hotline number when there is graffiti on public property, asked for more patrol in areas where there are traditionally more problems, and suggested the phone numbers for Vector Control and Anonymous Tip hotline be included on DCTV; congratulated Field Services and Facilities Maintenance staff; and invited all to attend the All America City reunion at the Concert in the Park on July 11.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m., in memory of Victor Garcia, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk