

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/CITY COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF DUARTE ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2007

The City Council/Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte met in an adjourned regular meeting, the Planning and Community Services Commissions met in adjourned regular meetings, and the Economic Development, Parks and Recreation, and Traffic and Safety Commissions met in special meetings at the Duarte Senior Center, 1610 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

#### NOTATION OF ABSENCES

The following were in attendance:

##### CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Fasana, Finlay, Paras-Caracci, Gaston

ABSENT: Reyes

##### PLANNING COMMISSION

PRESENT: Bautista, Cuite, Lawrence, Reyes, Forintos

ABSENT: None

##### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

PRESENT: Patel, Perez, Staller, Houlemarde

ABSENT: Bright, Cross

#### DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

The Planning and Economic Development Commissions met their quorum requirements and were now in session in the Joint Meeting with the City Council and Redevelopment Agency. The Community Services, Parks and Recreation, and Traffic and Safety Commissions were not called to order due to the lack of a quorum.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Agenda was unanimously adopted.

#### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/CITY COMMISSIONS ITEM Presentation by IBI Group Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

Jason Golding, Senior Planner, introduced Pat Flynn and Brian Jackson from IBI Group, and stated they would be making a presentation about the proposed Duarte Gold Line light rail station located north of the City of Hope National Medical Center on Duarte Road, encompassing Highland Avenue.

Pat Flynn presented information about the status of the Gold Line, including funding, planning, design, and milestones for completion.

Brian Jackson made a presentation about transit oriented development, including an overview of the conceptual plans of the proposed TOD project, and options for long-term expansion.

Mayor Gaston asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on this item.

Vaia Tuilesu expressed concern about displacement of families, and asked if the City would purchase the homes.

Christina Carter asked why she should have to sell her home and purchase a smaller one, and suggested the TOD be in Monrovia.

Roger Medina asked why anyone thinks Duarte lacks character now, felt the three options are not convincing, and felt the essence of Duarte would be destroyed.

Frank Alatorre suggested the TOD be built in Irwindale, and inquired if homes are bought, would the owners be relocated to another home in Duarte.

Cheryl Torres inquired as to how far west the project would go.

Jason Golding read an email that was sent to the City from Jennifer Mizrahi and Octavio Chaidez, Jr., stating they were in favor of Option 3 of the proposed project.

Ricky Hawblitzel stated there are already current empty retail office spaces in the City that have not been occupied, and asked why more would be brought in.

Fernando Reynosos stated he and his wife were attracted to Duarte because there was less traffic and it was a safe community, and stated their family does not want to be displaced.

Jesus Robles stated he does not want his home taken away. His daughter stated she also does not want her home taken away.

There was discussion about the possibility of building the TOD project without including the 16 homes, and the possibility of an additional option.

The City Council and Commissioners thanked everyone who attended and participated in the meeting, and stated residents will be provided with future updates.

ADJOURNMENT  
Commissions

The Planning Commission adjourned its adjourned regular meeting at 7:03 p.m. The Economic Development Commission adjourned its special meeting at 7:04 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT  
City Council

Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adjourn the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:05 p.m., to the Regular Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting on December 11, 2007, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk