

MINUTES

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – MAY 8, 2007**

At 6:00 p.m., a Closed Session was held (as stated below). Mayor Gaston called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., with three members present (Fasana and Finlay arrived during the Closed Sessions).

- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Paras-Caracci moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- CLOSED SESSION**
Anticipated Litigation Slater stated the Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(b)(1): Conference with Legal Council; Anticipated litigation – Significant exposure to litigation; Number of potential cases: 3.
- 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 7:09 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** Nita Norgard led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A moment of reflection was observed.
- FITNESS WARM-UP** George led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.
- PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION** Slater stated the City Council/Agency Board discussed issues surrounding three potential cases, and unanimously gave direction to staff and legal counsel to monitor and report back with any changes that may occur in the future.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced Taiko Drum Concert on May 12 at 2:00 p.m.
- Nita Norgard thanked those who supported the Library book sale and the Rotary event, and announced Festival of Authors on October 6.
- Jan Wight announced a number of Chamber events scheduled for May and June.
- Karen Herrera announced letter carriers food drive on May 12.
- SPECIAL ITEMS**
Presentation – Rose Float Trophy Paul Holman, Tournament of Roses, presented the 2007 City of Duarte/City of Hope Rose Float Picture Trophy, and thanked the City for 34 years of parade participation.
- Recognition – Fish Canyon Trail Crew Cesar Monsalve, Recreation Superintendent, showed a slide presentation of the Fish Canyon Falls Trail and the work the crew performed to prepare the trail for Family Wilderness Day. Mayor Gaston presented Certificates of Appreciation to Danny Coloca, Arnulfo Osuna, Jose Reyes, Mashad Miller, Jeff Foster, Miguel Pasillas, Lamberto Flores, Elisha John, Edward Tannous, and Joel Montelongo for their hard work. Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich’s office, presented Certificates to the crew members and thanked them for their civic pride.
- Proclamation – Older American’s Month Mayor Gaston read and presented the Proclamation for Older American’s Month to Nita Norgard, and congratulated her for being designated as Duarte’s Outstanding Older American.

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| Recognition – Blue Star Banner Family of Keith Owens | Karen Herrera, Assistant to the City Manager, described the Blue Star Banner program. Mayor Gaston presented a Blue Star Banner to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Owens and family, and expressed appreciation for his military service. |
| Recognition – Duarte Route 66ers Basketball Team Members | Mayor Gaston introduced Duarte Route 66ers Basketball Team Members, displayed the trophy they received, and presented them with Certificates congratulating them on their outstanding efforts at the Foothill Unity Center’s Hoop Challenge event. |
| Presentation – Los Angeles County Fire Department | Acting Assistant Fire Chief Bob Hood and Community Services Representative Alicia Rodriguez introduced themselves, and presented information about the services provided by the Fire Department, as well as Duarte statistics, announced Fire Service Day on May 12 in Norwalk, and answered questions from City Council pertaining to programs, services, and equipment. |
| ORAL COMMUNICATIONS | The following spoke about items not on the Agenda: Victor Guerrero – Parking tickets. |
| CONSENT CALENDAR | Lino Paras inquired about the vote on an adopted resolution. Slater responded. Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F. |
| JOINT PUBLIC HEARING Proposed Disposition and Development Agreement Fountainhead Shrugged, LLC (Opened/Continued to 6/12/07) | Slater stated the Joint Public Hearing was noticed concerning a proposed Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) between the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Fountainhead Shrugged, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, for the property located at 1263 Huntington Drive. Since the DDA is still under negotiation, staff’s recommendation is to open the Public Hearing and continue the Hearing to the regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2007, with public testimony to be taken on June 12, 2007. Reyes moved, Finlay seconded to open the Public Hearing, and continue it to June 12, 2007, and carried unanimously. Slater stated the Public Hearing for June 12, 2007, will be renoticed. |
| REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BUSINESS ITEMS Notice of Completion Site Clearance – 1648 Hunt. Dr. American Wrecking, Inc. | Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to accept the Site Clearance at 1648 Huntington Drive project, per staff recommendation, and authorize the City Clerk to file the necessary Notice of Completion together with release of bonds, and carried unanimously. |
| Exclusive Negotiating Agreement DenCity Inc. (Olson Company) Buena Vista/Huntington | George provided a staff report about the proposed 180-day Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) between the Redevelopment Agency and DenCity Inc. (The Olson Company) for approximately 7.96 acres of land at the northeast corner of Buena Vista Street and Huntington Drive, with the intent to bring back a DDA at a later meeting. Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve a 180-day Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with DenCity Inc. (The Olson Company), per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously. |
| Final Tract Map 062030 Huntington Courts 2351-2435 Huntington Drive | Slater stated although this was a Redevelopment Agency project, the action to approve the Final Tract Map would be taken by the City Council. Manoj Patel thanked City Council and staff for their assistance with this project, and stated the sign will be restored by a Route 66 preservation group. Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to approve Final Tract Map 062030, per staff recommendation, and carried unanimously. |

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
(Continued)

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:
Harb Thind – Project denial, height limits.
Lino Paras – Bears, signs, public transportation.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

REYES: Thanked all involved with the Hero's Tribute event; thanked Mt. Olive and Andres Duarte schools, and Westminster Gardens for the Cinco de Mayo events; appreciates the work of Duarte High School Choir Director Bill Moore; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Jose Gallardo.

PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked the Mayor for recognizing community members who help the City shine; stated the Hero's Tribute was touching and well done; attended Mother's Day Tea at the Senior Center; and wished all a Happy Mother's Day.

FINLAY: Attended Mother's Day Tea; and stated the Rotary event was fabulous.

FASANA: Acknowledged the many Cinco de Mayo events; stated the Hero's Tribute was great; the Rotary event provided a unique part of history; and stated the Fish Canyon Trail is open for hiking on May 12 and May 19.

GASTON: Thanked Mary Barrow and Becky Evans for the outstanding job on the Rotary event; attended Artistic Discovery Awards Gala hosted by Congressmember Solis at the City of Hope, where Duarte youth participated; thanked volunteers who participated in the Rebuilding Project; stated the Kiwanis Immunization Fair at Maxwell was outstanding; attended Earth Day event; acknowledged the Cinco de Mayo event at Mt. Olive; attended a number of Contract Cities, League of California Cities, and Sanitation District meetings; appreciated meeting the Deputies; and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Sam Silverman.

ADJOURNMENT

Finlay moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m., in memory of Sam Silverman and Jose Gallardo, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Lois Gaston

ATTEST:

City Clerk