

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 28, 2008

At 6:30 p.m., a Closed Session was held (as stated below). Mayor Reyes called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m., with all members present.

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

CLOSED SESSION
Real Property Negotiations Slater stated the Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with real property negotiators; Agency negotiators: Darrell George, Karen Herrera; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Mike Krasowski and GS TRS M. Krasowski, 1305 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-094; George Grair and Saman Diab, 1303 Huntington Drive, APN 8530-004-072; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment. The Closed Session concluded at 6:58 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE
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 Reyes called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG Kyle Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION A moment of reflection was observed.

RECESS Mayor Reyes called a Recess at 7:20 p.m. for the Duarte Public Financing Authority Meeting. City Council reconvened at 7:27 p.m., with all members present.

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

PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION Slater stated during the Closed Session, the Agency Board/City Council discussed price and terms of payment related to acquisition of the two properties, and unanimously gave direction to the Agency's negotiators to continue negotiations with the two property owners, with no further action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Brian Villalobos announced Crescenta Valley Sheriff's Station event on November 1 to view stolen property taken in residential burglaries.
Karen Herrera announced Domestic Violence Awareness Forum on October 29 in Covina, CDBG application deadline is October 29, Halloween Howl on October 31, information available on City's website about polling locations, Pippin at Performing Arts Center, Farmer's Market on November 1, Hat's Off event on November 5, Rose Float Golf Tournament on November 6, Veteran's Day event on November 11, Holiday of Promise kick-off on November 24, Mayor's Business Connection on November 19, and Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on November 26.

SPECIAL ITEMS
Presentation by Assemblymember Portantino Assemblymember Anthony Portantino announced San Gabriel Valley HIV-Aids Summit on December 11 at City of Hope, Children's Health Fair on November 21 in Pasadena, extended condolences to Lena Valenzuela's family, and provided information about the State budget crisis and its impact on education and the local economy.

Introduction – Promise Fellows	Karen Herrera introduced Promise Fellows Mary Ann Crews, Airika Narcisse, Fernando Ravega, Erjel Manalastas, and Irene Barrios, who described their work assignments and future goals.
Introduction – Mayor’s Teen Liaisons	Mayor Reyes described the Mayor’s Teen Liaison program, and presented Certificates of Appointment to Andrew Rios, Demetrius Jackson, and Alex Galves.
Presentation – Duarte Teen Center	Lupe Valerio, Interim Teen Center Supervisor, provided an overview of the Duarte Teen Center, including staffing, programs, services, employment opportunities, and a number of activities available. Earl Henderson and Telesforo Barreto spoke about special teen events, Mayor’s Youth Council, and master plan, and announced Teen Center Open House on December 10.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda: Harb Thind – Temporary parking permits. Mark Montgomery – Farmer’s market, bank.
ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT	Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to add Monrovia-Duarte Black Alumni Dinner, November 8, 2008; NLC Leadership Conference, January 29-31, 2009, at USC; San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership breakfast, November 14, 2008; and Santa Teresita Fantasia Dinner, November 8, 2008, and carried unanimously.
CONSENT CALENDAR	Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as amended as follows, and carried unanimously. Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, G. Remove Item F.
ITEM REMOVED Item F – Verizon Agreement	Jason Golding, Interim City Planner, provided a staff report about the agreement with Verizon, and answered questions from Councilmembers pertaining to proposed location of the facility. Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Land Use Agreement with Verizon Wireless for a wireless communications facility at Duarte Park (Clock Tower), and to authorize the City Manager to execute the Land Lease Agreement, and carried unanimously.
ORDINANCES Council Bill 08-O-13 Fireworks permits/deadline (Second Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 08-O-13: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE AMENDING SECTION 15.05.030, “LICENSES FOR SALE OF SAFE AND SANE FIREWORKS,” OF CHAPTER 15.05, “FIREWORKS,” OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERMITS THE CITY COUNCIL MAY ISSUE FROM FOUR TO FIVE AND TO CHANGE THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FROM MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR TO THE THIRD THURSDAY OF JANUARY OF EACH YEAR (Second Reading)
ORDINANCE NO. 810	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 810, and carried unanimously.
Council Bill 08-O-14 ZC 08-1 – Mountain-Central Shopping Center Specific Plan (Second Reading)	Slater read by title Council Bill 08-O-14: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA REVISING THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF SIXTEEN (16) PARCELS OF LAND FROM C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL, TO MOUNTAIN-CENTRAL SHOPPING CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN (NEC Mountain and Central Avenues, APN’s 8530-012-005, 072-074, 079-084, 089-094) (Zone Change 08-1) (Second Reading)
ORDINANCE NO. 811	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 811, and carried unanimously.
BUSINESS ITEM Strategic Planning Update	George presented a summary of the City’s six-month strategic planning update from March 25–September 15, 2008, including

mission statement, three-year goals, completed objectives, objectives on target, and revised objectives, and stated the next planning retreat is scheduled for March 31, 2009.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GASTON: Thanked staff and all involved with the farmer's market and suggested the Public Safety Department provide an opinion on the parking layout, attended Contract Cities Conference in San Luis Obispo, thanked staff for helping with the Wishing Well Dinner, attended the grand opening of Foothill Family Services, and stated Nita Carey was honored by the County for being the most tenured poll worker in Los Angeles County.

PARAS-CARACCI: Suggested during the General Plan update process, we might want to re-evaluate signage and placement of signs, stated the snack shop at the Mobil Station looks good, inquired about the possibility of painting the center once Fresh and Easy is completed, and clarified the reason the next City Council Meeting will be held on November 18, rather than on November 11.

FINLAY: Discussed a magazine article about a number of cities going bankrupt and stated Duarte is fiscally sound, stated the Sanitation District is preparing an EIR for a new joint outfall system, attended Rotary Club meeting where the District Governor spoke, and noted Rotary will be working on a grant from the Gates Foundation to eradicate polio, as well as sponsoring the breakfast with Santa on December 6.

FASANA: Stated the farmer's market was fabulous, the passing of Lena Valenzuela will be a tremendous loss for the community, announced a press conference regarding Measure R at the Monrovia Depot on October 30, and inquired if there are any infrastructure projects in our City that may be ready to go, in the event the Federal government offers a stimulus package funding opportunity.

GEORGE: Announced Commissioner Workshop on October 29 at 6:00 p.m., breakfast meeting with Supervisor Antonovich on October 30 at 7:30 a.m., joint City Council/School Board meeting on December 11 at 5:30 p.m., and stated the Duarte Historical Society plans to sponsor an event in December for the re-opening of Plaza Duarte, members of the Andres Duarte family will attend, and inquired if the City Council would like to have a ribbon-cutting ceremony upon the initial completion of the plaza. Gaston suggested having the one event with the family, and City Councilmembers concurred.

REYES: Requested agendaing a discussion during the mid-year budget review pertaining to a memorial wall at the plaza, stated he has received complaints about the flag at the post office and suggested a letter be sent to the Postmaster or Congressman, attended Foothill Family Services grand opening, gave a presentation to a China delegation at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, thanked all involved with the farmer's market, stated the Hawks homecoming was great, thanked Councilmembers for the Education Foundation Dinner, stated he, Brian Villalobos, and Aida Torres met with the County's Student Services regarding a \$400,000 grant for a leadership education program, stated there were 61 youth who participated in the boxing program last month, and stated Lena Valenzuela was full of love and kindness.

ADJOURNMENT

There was a moment of silence for Jennifer Hudson and her family. Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m., in memory of William Randall Shaw, Lena Valenzuela, and Ruth Slater, to the Commissioner Orientation, October 29, 2008, 6:00 p.m., and carried unanimously.

Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

City Clerk