

MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2010

- CALL TO ORDER** 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 Finlay called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m., with three members present (Reyes arrived prior to the Closed Session, and Fasana arrived during the Closed Session).
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
- CLOSED SESSION** Slater stated the first Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a); Existing litigation; KUA Industry, Inc., a California corporation; U.S. Kuil, Inc., a California corporation, Petitioners and Plaintiffs v. City of Duarte, a California municipality; City Council of the City of Duarte, specifically “John Fasana, Margaret Finlay, Tzeitel Paras-Caracci, Lois Gaston, and Phil Reyes;” City of Duarte Redevelopment Agency, an agency of a California municipality; and Does 1 – 500; inclusive, Respondents and Defendants; Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case No. BS123299. The second Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c); Anticipated litigation/Initiation of litigation; Number of potential cases: 1. The third Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with real property negotiators; Acquisition of real property interest in portion of property at northeast corner of Buena Vista Street and Central Avenue, and addressed as 1434 Buena Vista Street, Duarte; Agency negotiators: Darrell George and Craig Hensley; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Performance Nissan; Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment. The fourth Closed Session is pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; Conference with real property negotiators; Agency negotiators: Darrell George, Craig Hensley; Negotiating parties: Redevelopment Agency of the City of Duarte and Sam Librizzi representing Western Real Estate Investments and Tradecor Partners; Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment; Concerning Agency-owned property at 1263 Huntington Drive, Duarte (Vacant lot at northwest corner of Huntington Drive and Buena Vista Street). The Closed Session concluded at 7:16 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:21 p.m.
- RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** The following were in attendance:
PRESENT: Fasana, Gaston, Paras-Caracci, Reyes, Finlay
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
- PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** Harb Thind led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
- MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A moment of reflection was observed.
- FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP** Trevor and Finlay provided the warm-up.
- PUBLIC REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION** Slater stated during the first Closed Session, City Council/Agency Board received an update from Legal Counsel on the status of the litigation, with no reportable action taken. During the second Closed Session, an update was received on potential litigation, with no reportable action taken. During the third Closed Session, the Agency Board unanimously directed staff to continue negotiations and return with an agreement in open session relating to price and terms. During the fourth Closed Session, the Agency Board unanimously directed staff to continue discussions with the potential developers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reed Strege, Duarte Library, announced nature class on March 13, and invited VIP readers for story time on April 15.

Karen Herrera announced a number of upcoming community events and programs in the months of March and April, and also announced Azusa Planning Commission meeting on March 10 regarding the Vulcan mining expansion project.

Brian Barreto, Cal American Water, discussed Fix a Leak Week during the week of March 15-21 to encourage water awareness and wise water use. Mayor Finlay presented the Proclamation for Fix a Leak Week to Mr. Barreto (Consent Item 12.D).

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Manuel Gil
Sports program volunteer

Donna Georgino introduced Manuel Gil, Maxwell School sports program volunteer, and presented him with a team T-shirt and Fitness Center membership card. Mayor Finlay presented Mr. Gil with a Certificate in appreciation of his valuable contribution to the Parks and Recreation Department as a volunteer youth sports coach at Maxwell Elementary School.

Presentation – Youth/Family
Master Plan update

Vince Castro, Youth and Family Master Plan Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Co-Chair, provided an update on the Committee’s progress, discussed task group activities, and announced workshop pertaining to drugs and mental health on March 25.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.
Victor Lopez – Fire, weed abatement, meeting with staff.

ITEMS ADDED TO CONSENT
CALENDAR

Gaston moved, Reyes seconded to add to Item 12.J (City Council Conference Attendance) the Hayden 5K run on March 13, and Fasana’s travel to Washington, D.C., for San Gabriel Valley COG advocacy work, and carried unanimously.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reyes moved, Gaston seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as amended, as follows, and carried unanimously.
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F, H, I, J.
Receive and File Item G.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-04
Speed Tables Policy

Item I – Council Bill 10-R-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POLICY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED TABLES ON CITY STREETS

BUSINESS ITEM
Report – Encanto Park Nature
Walk project status

Steve Esbenshade, Engineering Division Manager, presented a staff report on the status of the Encanto Park Nature Walk project, and answered questions from Councilmembers.

Gaston moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to receive and file the report on the status of the Encanto Park Nature Walk project, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Stated the City received an approximately \$200,000 Cal-Grip grant to combat gang violence, and we were one of only three cities in Los Angeles County to receive the grant.

REYES: Congratulated and thanked staff for writing and receiving the grant, thanked the School District and City staff for the restroom improvements at Otis Gordon Park, and thanked staff for the speed tables policy and resolution.

FASANA: Attended Foothill Transit meeting and announced public hearings will be held to discuss service restructuring, requested a status report about the Metro grant awarded for the bike trail through the Army Corps of Engineers’ land, thanked all who attended and participated in the strategic planning session,

and thanked all for their diligent work regarding the Vulcan mining expansion issue.

PARAS-CARACCI: Thanked Ms. Wells and students at Beardslee School for inviting her to read to them during Literacy Week, attended the Youth and Family Master Plan Town Hall Meeting, appreciated all who attended the strategic planning workshop and looks forward to the report, and stated she will be attending the Azusa Planning Commission meeting.

GASTON: Stated the Valenzuela family has had its third set of twins and suggested the possibility of having our PR consultant look into that, stated there is an area at the entrance to the Senior Center where persons using walkers can trip (Georgino responded), attended the Andres Duarte black history celebration and would like the students to perform a portion of their program at a Council Meeting, stated through Duarte Education Foundation Wishing Well grants, every family in Duarte with a computer can access the World Book online, suggested that a presentation about the program be included in the next Joint City Council/School Board meeting, attended the Carmelite Sisters concert, zoning workshop, Duarte's Woman's Club anniversary event, Elks Club swap meet, Foothill Unity Center volunteer recognition, and Azusa Gold Line Station site unveiling, mentioned Duarte to the Governor and Bill Clinton, and stated the Community Mediation Team is in the process of planning a gang symposium.

FINLAY: Announced Azusa Planning Commission meeting on March 10 regarding the proposed Vulcan mining expansion, stated we need to work together with Azusa and we have a good relationship with them, thanked all who attended the strategic planning workshop, and stated the other cities who received the Cal-Grip grant were much larger cities than Duarte, and it is a great thing for our City.

ADJOURNMENT

Paras-Caracci moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., in memory of Chelsea King, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Margaret Finlay

ATTEST:

City Clerk