MINUTES

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – OCTOBER 11, 2011

CALL TO ORDER	The City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Housing Authority of the City of Duarte met in a regular meeting in the Council Chambers, 1600 Huntington Drive, Duarte, California. Mayor Paras-Caracci called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE	The following were in attendance: PRESENT: Fasana (arrived at 7:06 p.m.), Finlay, Gaston, Reyes, Paras-Caracci ABSENT: None ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT: City Manager George, City Attorney Slater
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.
INTERIM DAIS SEATING PLAN	George provided a staff report about the interim dais seating plan. It was determined that for the interim, the City Attorney and the City Manager will be seated on one side of the dais, and the nameplates would reflect titles.
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG	Kevin Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
MOMENT OF REFLECTION	A moment of reflection was observed.
FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP	Hensley and Finlay provided the warm-up.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Darrell George announced the City of Duarte has been selected as a finalist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation's (LAEDC) Most Business-Friendly City Award, stated we surpassed Monrovia in sales tax on a per capita basis, and showed the one-minute video about the City that will debut at the awards banquet on November 3. Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced SAT prep course on October 15, coffee workshop on October 22, and paranormal lecture on October 26. Karen Herrera announced upcoming community events and activities in the months of October and November. Gerald Delker, Duarte Elks, announced the Duarte lodge has merged with Pomona, they will be distributing dictionaries to all third graders, and there will be a charity ball on November 12.
SPECIAL ITEMS Proclamation–Red Ribbon Week	Mayor Paras-Caracci read and presented the Proclamation for Red Ribbon Week to Brian Villalobos, who provided information about the events, contests, and activities that will take place during the week of October 22-30, 2011. Villalobos also provided an update on two recent incidents involving Sheriff activity in the County area and in the City.
Presentation – Bikes For Kids	Gerald Delker and Kevin Morris made a presentation about the Bikes for Kids program at Mt. Olive School, including donation of bikes, distribution of helmets and bicycle locks, bike repair, and lending program. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented Mr. Delker with a Certificate in appreciation of his service to the youth of our community through the Bikes for Kids program.
Presentation – Duarte Chamber of Commerce	Jim Kirchner, Duarte Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation outlining the Chamber's annual work plan, including seminars, job and health fairs, grand openings, email blasts, advertising opportunities, Duarte View, and membership.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda. Lino Paras – Chamber, Duarte restaurants, seating, fees.

Harb Thind – Relocate trees, look for occupants.
Jim Kirchner – Candidate forum.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

ITEM REMOVED
Item B – Warrant Register

Lino Paras stated he feels a second law firm should deal with special items other than general legal items.

Item B – Approved

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to approve the Warrant Register for October 11, 2011 (Item B), and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS
Youth/Family Committee Funding Priorities

Donna Georgino presented the recommendation from the Duarte Youth and Family Committee regarding funding priorities for the Youth and Family Master Plan, and stated the Committee will present the annual report card to City Council in January.

Pattie Dalessandro, Youth and Family Committee, stated this is very informative, and the report is a good one.

City Council thanked the Youth and Family Committee for its time and efforts. Gaston suggested dollar amounts be attached to the funding priorities, if feasible.

Voting Delegate and Alternate NLC Meeting – Phoenix, AZ

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to appoint Councilmember Finlay as the Voting Delegate, and Mayor Paras-Caracci as the Alternate, for the National League of Cities Annual Business Meeting, November 12, 2011, in Phoenix, Arizona, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER

GASTON: Stated the Sierra Club studied water conservation measures, Duarte is rated as poor, and asked the City Manager to see what we can do to get our rating changed, commended all for the successful Festival of Authors, thanked all who supported the second annual Ed Foundation dinner, stated some seniors are concerned that it is difficult for those physically impaired to come across the grass for the Veteran's Day event (Georgino responded), stated the construction of groundwater facilities on Buena Vista is very noisy, and asked that the City Manager follow up with Cal-Am as to when the project will end, attended the CCJCC meeting about release of prisoners, and announced Lisa Magno will be honored by the American Cancer Society on October 13.

REYES: Stated the Boxing Program was great and well attended, met the Hall of Famer at the Teen Center, thanked the Parade Committee, the parade was outstanding and the picnic was well attended, stated he would like a presentation and analysis about Dial-A-Ride for seniors, asked that we look at naming Duarte Park in honor of Margaret Viramontes and would like the item on the Agenda at the next meeting, inquired about the funding allocation for Duarte Road, asked if it is for Highland to Buena Vista or Highland to Mountain, stated he thinks we should look at removing some of the oleanders, and thanked the Friends of the Library for the Festival of Authors.

FINLAY: Congratulated Friends of the Library for the Festival of Authors, thanked all who worked on the Ed Foundation event, stated many great people were honored, attended meeting with Edison and the PUC regarding the towers and wants to continue to pursue this, and provided an update on the daytime biting mosquito that has invaded our community.

FASANA: Thanked local members of our legislature for AB 706 which cleaned up some language on the Foothill Gold Line Extension Board, attended a press conference for the Route 60 alignment of the Gold Line extension, attended the YMCA Red Envelope dinner, stated the Ed Foundation dinner was a great event and congratulated the honorees, regarding Duarte Road, stated he received a notification from Habib Balian that the Foothill Gold Line Extension received an additional grant for station funding that may help with planning along the site, and congratulated the city of Monrovia for 1961 high school graduate Thomas Sargent receiving the Nobel Award in Economics.

PARAS-CARACCI: Congratulated the Santa Anita YMCA and Steve Baker on the wonderful event, the Author's Festival was amazing, attended the City of Hope Health Fair and heard over 1,000 were in attendance, requested Angelica Salazar be invited to a Council Meeting to tell her amazing story, and attended a portion of the Elks Lodge Christmas Tree Lane event.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Reyes seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m., and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Tzeitel Paras-Caracci

ATTEST:

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City Clerk