

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF DUARTE
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

M I N U T E S

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 7:10 p.m.

RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Finlay moved, Reyes seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Paras-Caracci led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

A moment of reflection was observed.

FITNESS/MENTAL WARM-UP

Fasana, Gaston, and Finlay provided the warm-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joanna Gee, Duarte Library, announced download instruction program on November 9, philosophical lecture on November 12, and Joy of Tea on December 3.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Recognition – Wesslee Smith

Mayor Paras-Caracci introduced Duarte High School student Wesslee Smith, who displayed and described his artwork. Mayor Paras-Caracci presented him with a Certificate in appreciation of his creativity and inspiration as expressed through his art.

Presentation – Assemblymember Portantino

Assemblymember Anthony Portantino presented his annual State of the State address, including the prison realignment proposal, State budget, redevelopment, legislation, and programs.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following spoke on items not on the Agenda.

Roy Torres – Revenue, traffic, liquor.

Andre Whitehead – Diabetic life insurance.

Gene Jones – Debate, recall, public servants.

Buddy Geelhoed – Payroll, salaries, lottery.

Lino Paras – Mr. Portantino, incumbents, legal fees.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Reyes moved, Fasana seconded to approve the Consent Calendar, as follows, and carried unanimously.

Approve Items A, C, D.

Remove Items Item B, E.

ITEMS REMOVED

Item B – Warrant Register

Lino Paras inquired about warrants for Burke, Williams & Sorensen and GK & Associates. Petersen responded.

Item E – Conference Attendance

Gaston inquired about authority to participate in the NALIEO Conference. Reyes described the NALIEO organization, stated he received a scholarship, and most expenses are covered by NALIEO at a minimal cost to taxpayers.

Item B and Item E – Approved

Finlay moved, Gaston seconded to approve Item B (Warrant Register) and Item E (Conference Attendance), and carried unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEM

Policy – Naming City Facilities

Donna Georgino presented a staff report about the draft policy and procedures for naming or renaming City facilities, including purpose, criteria, and procedure.

Lino Paras stated Lena Valenzuela Park was named by a City Council motion, and suggested a section of Duarte Park be named Margaret Viramontes Field.

There was discussion about the Parks and Recreation Commission, naming of streets, costs, and feedback from Commissions.

Finlay moved, Fasana seconded to refer the policy and procedures for naming or renaming City facilities to the Parks and Recreation Commission for suggestions and ideas, with feedback from possibly other Commissions regarding a provision for naming streets, and carried unanimously.

ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/
CITY MANAGER

GEORGE: Stated staff has met with representatives from Chrysler/Fiat and we may be bringing them to our City.

FASANA: Congratulated staff for the great work in being nominated by the LAEDC as one of the most business-friendly cities and congratulated Monrovia for winning, and stated the draft San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study is open for review through December 16, asked that it be sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission or other Commissions for comments, and provided the information to the City Manager.

FINLAY: Congratulated staff on working with Fiat, stated it will provide tax dollars, provided an update on the Asian tiger mosquito, and inquired about flags or banners for service men and women.

GASTON: Congratulated the cities who received awards from the LAEDC, complimented the Chamber on the recent speaker's event at Staples Center, stated Huntington Courts are outstanding and congratulated Manoj Patel, members of the Senior Center asked about labels identifying trees in the bioswale with their scientific names and mileage markers on the bike trail, suggested non-profit organizations may help provide those, thanked all who helped during the election, announced Veteran's event on November 10, and thanked staff for cutting the overgrowth on entrance signs.

PARAS-CARACCI: Stated she appreciates that when the community works together, residents allow us to do our work well, this is her last full meeting as Mayor, the reorganization will be at the next meeting, it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as Mayor, and stated we do have a vision for the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Gaston moved, Fasana seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. in memory of Robyn Curtis Anderson, and carried unanimously.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk