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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY
APRIL 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the NICC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR HANNA, COMMISSIONERS KAHF, KILL,
MARCARIO, SALAZAR
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS FREER, MENDOZA

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Senior Project Manager; Omar Sandoval, City Attorney; Mary Ann Hamamura, Deputy Director; and Nancy Ragen, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Allison Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Staff recommended that Item No. 2 on the agenda, the selection of Chair and Vice Chair, be addressed first at tonight's meeting.

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2009 TERM

Commissioner Marcario moved to elect Vice Chair Hanna as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Salazar, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: KAHF, KILL, MARCARIO, SALAZAR, HANNA
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, MENDOZA

Commissioner Marcario moved to elect Commissioner Marcario as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Salazar, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, KAHF, KILL, MARCARIO, SALAZAR
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, MENDOZA

RECEIVE AND FILE JANUARY 12, 2009 MINUTES

Chair Hanna moved to receive and file the Minutes from January 12, 2009, seconded by Vice Chair Marcario, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, KAHF, KILL, MARCARIO, SALAZAR
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, MENDOZA

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Review of Adopted Code of Ethics

Mr. Sandoval, City Attorney, provided an overview of the Brown Act, explaining the Open Meetings Law and Garden Grove Code of Ethics.

Substantial Amendment Number #2 to the 2008-09 Action Plan for the Use of HUD Funds

Staff report was reviewed and recommended that the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission transmit the Substantial Amendment No. 2 to City Council.

Chair Hanna opened the public hearing to receive testimony.

There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Per Vice Chair Marcario's request, staff will research and provide information regarding flood insurance requirements for the area residents once the storm drain ultimately is repaired or improved.

Commissioner Kill moved to recommend the transmittal of the Substantial Amendment No. 2 to City Council, seconded by Chair Hanna, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, KAHF, KILL, MARCARIO, SALAZAR
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, MENDOZA

2009-10 Action Plan for the Use of HUD Funds

Ms. Mills, Sr. Project Manager, gave an overview of the 2009-10 Action Plan, noting that approximately \$10.5 million in HUD funds will be available to be spent on eleven priority objectives that were identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. Staff's funding recommendations for public services and emergency services are in the maximum amount available in each category.

Chair Hanna opened the public hearing to receive testimony.

Ms. Saimi Hayes, Supervisor of the H. Louis Lake Sr. Center and CMC, expressed thankfulness on behalf of the seniors and herself, for the funds bestowed to the Senior Center and Magnolia Park Family Resource Center.

There being no further comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chair Hanna asked if there was a reduction in funds to any programs; for example, the public and emergency services. Staff replied the city is awaiting the final allocation from HUD and until then, the amount of funding is the same from last year; therefore, there is no decrease in funding.

Vice Chair Marcario inquired if those funds were in any way associated with the stimulus money and, if so, can that be applied to infrastructure improvements such as storm drains. Staff indicated the city will be receiving some stimulus money via HUD for homelessness prevention and the Recovery Act CDBG funds will be allocated to storm drains.

Commissioner Kahf needed clarification on the NSP fund with the City of Westminster and the ADDI allocation amount listed in Table 5. Staff explained since the city's original NSP allocation was below the \$1 million threshold, it was necessary to partner with the City of Westminster. The city is now entitled to receive a little over \$1 million, but wanted to honor the partnership with Westminster.

Furthermore, there is no additional fund allocation to the ADDI program this year, and the amount listed was included to allow staff to marry it to any NSP funds or other funding source.

Vice Chair Marcario moved to transmit the 2009-10 Draft Action Plan to City Council, seconded by Chair Hanna, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, KAHF, KILL, MARCARIO, SALAZAR
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, MENDOZA

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Marcario asked for updates on the Tamerlane project and the Newhope area. Staff stated almost all of the Tamerlane apartment buildings have been acquired through the city's partnership with a developer.

The residential area between Newhope and Harbor, south of Garden Grove Boulevard, is under the Neighborhood Improvement campaign and is still in development. The committee, made up of representatives from each department within the city, will be identifying exactly what type of resources and programs can be directed to enhance the neighborhood.

Commissioner Kill inquired about home foreclosures. Staff informed the commission of the new foreclosure ordinance enacted by City Council and the use of NSP funds specifically set aside for the purchase of foreclosed property.

The commissioners and staff introduced themselves.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

NANCY J. RAGEN
Recording Secretary