

## MINUTES

### JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF DUARTE REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 25, 2008

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 7:05 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Paras-Caracci moved, Finlay seconded to adopt the Agenda, and carried unanimously.

**RECORDATION OF ATTENDANCE** 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** Mitchell Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION** A moment of reflection was observed.

**FITNESS WARM-UP** Fasana led the group in a series of warm-up exercises.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Pui-Ching Ho, Duarte Library, announced family concert on March 27 at the PAC Center, Annual Book Sale on April 12, Scam-Busters Program/Magic Show on April 15, and VIP Story Time on April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Bryan Urias, Congressman Solis' representative, announced Iris Silveria has been selected as the 32<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District's 2008 Woman of Distinction for Duarte, and the event will be held on March 28.

Karen Herrera announced the home improvement grant process is underway, and invited participation in the César Chávez Day volunteer event on March 29, 9:00 a.m., at Hope Village.

Councilmember Gaston, on behalf of Laura Orozco, announced Unity Peace March on April 6, 1:30 p.m., beginning at Annunciation Church.

**SPECIAL ITEM**  
Recognition–Duarte Sub-Station Volunteers on Patrol Brian Villalobos, Director of Public Safety Services, introduced Duarte Sub-Station Volunteers on Patrol. Mayor Reyes presented Certificates of Appreciation to Victor Abekian, Mitchell Skinner, and Anil Gunaratne (arrived later in the meeting), and congratulations were extended.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** The following spoke on items not on the Agenda:  
Harb Thind – Royal Oaks Park restrooms.  
Mark Montgomery – Encanto Park restrooms, All-America City.  
Jim Kirchner – State of the City/School, Chamber website.  
Bryan Urias – Congressman Solis' legislation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR** Gaston moved, Finlay seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as follows, and carried unanimously.  
Approve Items A, B, C, D, E, F.

**ORDINANCE**  
Council Bill 08-O-01 – Public Nuisances (Second reading) Slater read by title Council Bill 08-O-01:  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING CHAPTER 9.33 AND AMENDING CHAPTER 9.32 OF THE DUARTE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO PUBLIC NUISANCES (Second Reading)**

ORDINANCE NO. 798	Fasana moved, Finlay seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 798, and carried unanimously.
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION 2008/09 Budget Priority List	Fasana moved, Paras-Caracci seconded to receive and file the priority list from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding the 2008/09 budget, and asked that this list be provided to the City Council when the 2008/09 budget is considered, and carried unanimously.
BUSINESS ITEMS Award of Bid Pavement Coatings Company Slurry Seal/Cape Seal – Phase III	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to award the contract to Pavement Coatings Company for Slurry Seal and Cape Seal Streets Phase III, per staff recommendation, and authorize execution by the Mayor, and carried unanimously.
Request for Letter of Support (Green Jobs Workforce Training)	Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to approve the request from Congressmember Hilda Solis for a letter of support pertaining to full funding from Green Jobs Workforce Training in the fiscal year 2009 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, and carried unanimously.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Continuation)	The following spoke on items not on the Agenda: Harb Thind – Hedge at Royal Oaks Park.
ITEMS FROM CITY COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER	<p>FASANA: Congratulated all involved with the City of Hope health fair, congratulated the Chamber on the Celebrity Waiter Dinner, attended DYAC opening day event, congratulated all who participated in the Talent Show, thanked all involved with the Strategic Planning Session today, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of those recently killed in Afghanistan.</p> <p>FINLAY: Thanked all who participated in the Strategic Planning Retreat, and read the mission statement that was developed, attended the PTA District dinner, stated the Talent Show was great, the Celebrity Waiter Dinner made money for the Chamber, attended the community health fair and the breakfast with the Easter bunny, announced the Ed Foundation will be hosting Serbian educators at a dinner on April 1 at her home, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Audrey Belle Munson.</p> <p>GASTON: Thanked Andres Duarte School for allowing her to participate in its Black History Month celebration, noted many attended the health fair, wished Richard Mergil a quick recovery, stated she audited Head Start’s program, complimented the young man from Monrovia who testified against his assailant, attended the Duarte Mediation Team meeting, attended the Contract Cities Meeting in Maywood, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of the 4,000 military men and women who had died in Iraq.</p> <p>PARAS-CARACCI: Attended the Chamber’s Celebrity Waiter event as a guest, attended DYAC opening day event, stated the Talent Show was a wonderful event, stated she will be attending the League Board of Directors meeting on April 17-18 in Sacramento and the NLC After School Summit on May 12-14 in Washington, D.C., and stated the Strategic Planning Retreat was the best she has attended.</p> <p>GEORGE: Thanked City Council and staff for their efforts at the Strategic Planning Retreat, and read the three-year goals that were developed. It was the consensus of City Council that the mission statement be included on the City’s Agendas.</p>

REYES: Attended DYAC opening day and thanked its leadership, stated the Talent Show was a great event, thanked the City of Hope for the health fair, and noted there were approximately 900 in attendance, stated the boxing program and LULAC have teamed up for a fundraiser golf tournament on June 6, announced César Chávez volunteer event on March 29, Friends of the Duarte Library scholarship dinner on May 28, and State of the City on April 2 at 11:30 a.m., thanked staff for the Business Connection Newsletter and survey, announced the next Mayor's Breakfast is May 8, and asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Paul Spickard, Francisco Martinez-Flores (fifth anniversary of his passing), and Rick Hopper.

ADJOURNMENT

Fasana moved, Gaston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m., in memory of Paul Spickard, Francisco Martinez-Flores, Rick Hopper, Audrey Belle Munson, the 4,000 military men and women who have died in Iraq, and those recently killed in Afghanistan, and carried unanimously.

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Mayor Phillip R. Reyes

ATTEST:

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City Clerk