

CITY OF DUARTE
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION
M I N U T E S
JULY 8, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Arcaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Arcaro, Branch, Cause, Dalessandro
STAFF: Herrera

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The May 13, 2009 Public Services Commission minutes were approved.

5. ITEMS FROM PUBLIC CONCERNING MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None

6. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

a) Cal Am - Cal Am - Staff updated the commissioners and the latest information associated with the proposed Cal American Water increase of 56% for residents and 60% for businesses. Next steps in the process include a thorough data request and review of the case by the Department of Rate Payer Advocates, which will be filed for public review by August or September of 2009. After this is concluded, California American has the opportunity to file a rebuttal. Ultimately all parties including Duarte shall participate in an Alternative Dispute Resolution process, which could result in a filed settlement. However, some cases are not resolved in this manner and must go through the entire hearing process, which would not end until

early 2010. Duarte residents are encouraged to let their concerns be heard and address comments to the California Public Utilities Commission

b) Website - staff updated the commissioners on the status of the city website rfp process. The purpose of the rfp was to solicit a firm that could redesign the City's website and incorporate state of the art features such as emergency notification scroll, language translation capabilities, flash technology, email notifications, etc. Specifically, the rfp had gone out to five different vendors and staff was awaiting responses. Based on the process, staff was hopeful to go back to council sometime in August with a recommendation.

c) DCTV equipment - Commissioner Causey gave an update on the progress of DCTV. He informed the group that the long awaited new equipment had been delivered. He also reported that DCTV would soon have its website functional and would like to do a demonstration of it at a future meeting. The last meeting also focused on the need for a new digital hub and that DCTV was going to be participating in the upcoming casino night fundraiser.

7. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Causey noted that from the DCTV meeting they had discussed having the "On the Duarte" book donated to the library and copies for middle school children specifically. He also had heard through the community that residents were not receiving their recreation newsletter. Branch noted that she would like staff to look into a new tree that was recently planted on Royal Oaks Drive. It is not on the list that was previously approved by the commission. She also thanked the City staff and City Council for the recent budget process. She felt it was very thorough and professionally done. Arcaro - Trees on the NE corner of Bettyhill & Elda are being placed in the parkway, 4ft apart, he does not believe it is legal and would like staff to look into in. He is also concerned about the every other month meeting schedule. It is making it difficult to keep track of meetings. He also feels as if the commission is less involved, less utilized and he would like them to be more effective. He also expressed concerns about bears and would like to see more communication to residents about the issue through the both the Duarte View and the Burrtec

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Newsletter. Herrera announced about the upcoming Metro sponsored community meeting on the Gold Line taking place on August 6, 2009.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Planning Commission adjourned at 8:45 p.m.