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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

REGULAR MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY
DECEMBER 6, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the NICC was called to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS FREER, KILL, AND KAHF. COMMISSIONER MENDOZA ARRIVED AT 6:38

ABSENT: CHAIR HANNA (called ahead to be excused for personal business), COMMISSIONER SALAZAR

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Monica Covarrubias, Administrative Analyst; Lt Travis Whitman, GGPD and Sharon Oslund, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Marcario requested an addition to the September 13, 2010 minutes, stating that the Caring Neighbor program helped only 6 recipients with the \$7,000 expended. Vice Chair Marcario moved to approve the modified Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Freer, and carried with the following vote:

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

PRESENTATIONS

Lt. Travis Whitman made a Power Point presentation on the Administrative Citation program. This is a civil process, not criminal, so it is fine based, not jail time.

Citation program began in 3/07, referencing Fireworks violations. Fines start at \$100 for slight infractions and can be as high as \$1,000 for major transgressions. Since citation program started, the number of fireworks incidents have decreased consistently by approximately 50% a year, over that of the prior year.

The other areas that Administrative Citations are used - Municipal Code violations, where warnings and re-inspections proceed fines and Graffiti violations, where fines are issued immediately and are for higher amounts. Graffiti violations can also include restitution.

Questions were asked by Commissioners and answered by Lt Whitman regarding Municipal Code, parking and fireworks citations. It was pointed out that parking violations are handled differently, some being Municipal and some state code violations.

Allison Mills made a Power Point presentation on the history of the Buena Clinton area; starting in the 1980's and going forward to the current Grove Park Project and newly completed Community Resource Center.

Social and crime issues were covered with the 'then and now' statistics and pictures showing the marked improvement in the area as a whole. The Grove Park project involves 13 multi-unit buildings, scattered throughout the Buena Clinton area. At present 10 of the 13 building renovations are complete, the last 3 are being done simultaneously with an estimated completion in January 2011.

Commissioners asked questions on various subjects, including; reduction in the number of residents, how the residents were being housed during building renovation, location of the Community Resource Center and what reduction in crime had been realized since 1980s.

Commissioner Mendoza suggested that statistics on reduction in crime and population (overcrowding) would be helpful.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Monica reported back regarding a question previously posed by Commissioner Freer in September, regarding a code enforcement issue. The Code violation has escalated to a legal matter. The Judge has ordered the individual to return for sentencing for the non-compliance and jail time may be ordered.

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Mendoza asked for an update on the Fire Station properties. Monica let him know that the City is still accumulating the necessary properties and the Project is still stalled until all property is secured.

A question was also posed regarding the Travel Country RV Park. Monica stated that this was an Economic Development project but she would inquire and report back.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

SHARON OSLUND
Recording Secretary