

M I N U T E S

GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

REGULAR MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY  
JUNE 4, 2007

CALL TO ORDER: The regular session of the NICC Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: CHAIR SILVERBERG, VICE CHAIR HANNA,  
COMMISSIONERS BAINTO, BRAGGINS, FREER, AND  
HOROWITZ

ABSENT: COMMISSIONER NGUYEN

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Senior Project Manager; MaryAnn Hamamura, Deputy Community Development Director; Omar Sandoval, City Attorney; Greg Blodgett, Senior Project Manager; Patti Petruzzelli, Code Enforcement Officer; and Nancy Ragen, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Freer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Horowitz joined the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Braggins moved to approve the Minutes from April 2, 2007, seconded by Commissioner Freer, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: SILVERBERG, HANNA, BAINTO, BRAGGINS, FREER

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NGUYEN

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: HOROWITZ

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

None.

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Ethics and Transparency

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

Chair Silverberg asked whether abatement hearings could be held in closed session with just the people involved.

Mr. Sandoval replied there is an exception for licensing purposes only, but there is no exception for abatement hearings. Licensing is authorized to be held in closed session

because the information provided is confidential, such as background checking and live scan.

Mr. Sandoval also stated that, in his opinion, you could probably review medical information in closed session because medical information is recognized as confidential matter under both federal and state policies.

Commissioner Braggins asked if medical information would fall under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), and Mr. Sandoval replied that it would not fall under HIPAA because it specifically applies to health providers and health insurers; it doesn't apply to the city.

#### International West

Mr. Blodgett gave a power point presentation on the International West Master Plan. He reviewed the proposed theme parks and hotel developments. He explained the four different development strategies: incremental development; the 40-acre site; a theme park; and Willowick.

Vice Chair Hanna asked if the city would receive the sales tax dollar, since Willowick is located in Santa Ana. Mr. Blodgett stated that Santa Ana would receive the property tax and the benefits for Garden Grove would be the overall land sale to the developer and the TOT tax.

In reply to Chair Silverberg's question on other redevelopment projects in the city, Mr. Blodgett discussed Wal-Mart, the Brookhurst Triangle and more hotel development.

#### Overview of Code Enforcement

Ms. Petruzzelli gave a power point presentation explaining the Code Enforcement abatement process as well as distributing handouts. She also discussed the duties and responsibilities of the city's code enforcement officers. Also included in the presentation was an explanation regarding residential and commercial violations that the code enforcement officers have the authority to process for abatement.

Chair Silverberg asked if there were any upcoming abatement cases for this commission. Ms. Petruzzelli replied there would be in the future, but not at this time, because more cases have been taken to the City Attorney's office.

#### MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to September 10, 2007.

NANCY J. RAGEN  
Recording Secretary