

February 17, 2010

RANCHO CUCAMONGA
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, FIRE DISTRICT AND CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Rancho Cucamonga Redevelopment Agency, Fire Protection District, and City Council convened in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, located at 10500 Civic Center Drive, Rancho Cucamonga, California. Vice Chairman/Vice President/Mayor Pro Tem L. Dennis Michael called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present were Agencymembers/Boardmembers/Councilmembers: Rex Gutierrez, Sam Spagnolo and Vice Chairman/Vice President/Mayor Pro Tem L. Dennis Michael. Chairman/President/Mayor Donald J. Kurth arrived at 3:05 p.m. and Agencymember/Boardmember/Councilmember Diane Williams arrived at 3:06 p.m.

Also present were: Jack Lam, City Manager; Linda Daniels, Deputy City Manager; James Troyer, Planning Director; Kevin McArdle, Community Services Director; Lois Schrader, Planning Commission Secretary, Valerie Victorino, Planning Secretary and Debra McNay, Records Manager/Assistant City Clerk. Sam Gennawey, Senior Project Manager and Laura Stetson, Vice President, from Hogle-Ireland, Inc. were also present.

B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

No communication was made from the public.

C. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

A. 2010 Draft General Plan Update Workshop

James Troyer, Planning Director, and Sam Gennawey, Senior Project Manager, presented the staff report.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Michael, it was noted that public comments on the plan are still being accepted. It will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on April 28, 2010 and then scheduled for adoption by the City Council on May 19, 2010.

Mayor Kurth noted that almost all of the buildings in the City were post World War II. Mr. Gennawey indicated that one of the goals in the General Plan indicate that a standard would be developed to determine if any post World War II structures should be preserved. In response to Councilmember Williams, he addressed when structures are deemed to be historic and stated that buildings constructed 45 years prior or prior to 1960 would fall into this category.

Mayor Kurth indicated that mixed use development should be constructed for a reason. In response, Mr. Troyer stated that there are a few opportunities for mixed use along Foothill Boulevard west of Haven Avenue. Mr. Gennawey clarified that the goal was not to develop mixed use projects but to ensure connectivity between a mixed use project and adjacent uses.

Mayor Kurth addressed transit accessibility and the goal to keep what we already have in the City. He also commented on the need to protect the hillsides. In response, Mr. Gennawey concurred that there was a delicate balance between respecting private property owner's rights and ensuring conformance with the City's high standards. In response to Mayor Kurth, he confirmed that design standards were in place.

In response to Councilmember Williams, it was confirmed that about 13% of the City is undeveloped at this time.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Michael, Mr. Troyer commented on a goal listed in the General Plan to build another community park. Mayor Pro Tem Michael commended the Planning Department for engaging the entire community in the development of the General Plan.

Discussion was held regarding the application of City standards in the City's Sphere of Influence. It was noted that the City's standards would apply to the hillside areas and that projects would need to conform to City standards before they would be allowed to annex into the City. Mr. Troyer indicated that there is a Memorandum of Understanding with the County that addresses conformance. After discussion, Ms. Stetson noted that she would research the matter further to see if there was a policy addressing the annexation of properties into the City. Mayor Pro Tem Michael referenced the historic structures identified during the recent tour with the Cucamonga Valley Water District.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael commented on some positive features of the General Plan, including the goal to ensure connectivity and the goal to provide mixed use opportunities along Foothill Boulevard west of Haven Avenue.

Councilmember Spagnolo inquired if the Cucamonga Valley Water District or the U.S. Forest Service could be contacted about the desire to preserve historic structures in the City's Sphere of Influence. In response, Mr. Troyer confirmed that staff would discuss historical designation with the County.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael inquired about plans for future development around the Metrolink Station. In response, Mr. Gennawey noted that the General Plan indicates the opportunity to move the station to Haven Avenue. Mayor Pro Tem Michael did not support additional development around the existing station.

Councilmember Gutierrez noted that the General Plan was well written. He suggested that it address the use of aircraft above the hillside areas.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael and Councilmember Williams concurred that the General Plan was a very comprehensive document. In response to Councilmember Williams, Mr. Gennawey concurred that it was a very large document and suggested that the focus be on the Implementation Chapter. He confirmed that the General Plan will be available on the Internet, noting that the draft document is currently available.

In response to Councilmember Williams, Mr. Gennawey noted that there is not a map in the General Plan showing the undeveloped areas, as it could become outdated very quickly. As such a map exists, Mr. Troyer confirmed that it could be placed on the Internet and be updated as circumstances change.

In response to Mayor Pro Tem Michael, Mr. Troyer indicated that a public hearing would be held by the Planning Commission on April 28, 2010. The Plan would be scheduled for Council's consideration on May 19, 2010.

In response to Councilmember Gutierrez, Mr. Troyer noted that the Housing Element (which is being prepared by staff) has been completed and is being circulated for comments. As this is the second time that it has been submitted for review, he expected that it will be certified by the State.

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D. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kurth adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra L. McNay, MMC
Assistant City Clerk/Records Manager

Approved: March 3, 2010