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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY
May 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the NICC was called to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS HANNA, FOSTER, FREER, KILL, POPE, RUBIN
ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Senior Project Manager; Monica Covarrubias, Administrative Analyst; Kathy Bailor, City Clerk; James Eggart, City Attorney; Sherri Oslund, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Monica Covarrubias led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS – Kathy Bailor had Commissioners stand and raise their hands while she read the Oath. All Commissioners signified by saying "I Will", and signed their Oath of Office. Monica gave each commissioner signed Certificates.

SELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Commissioner Freer nominated Commissioner Hanna as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Foster, and carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, FOSTER, KILL, POPE, RUBIN
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA

Commissioner Hanna nominated Commissioner Freer as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Foster, and carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, FOSTER, KILL, POPE, RUBIN
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: FREER

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Freer moved to approve the Minutes from December 6, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Kill, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: FREER, KILL
NOES: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS:
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, FOSTER, POPE, RUBIN

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Review of Adopted Code of Ethics

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

Chair Hanna raised question regarding casual conversation by commissioners after a meeting and was advised that any conversation that could apply to a future subject is also prohibited.

Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Action Plan for the use of HUD Funds:

Monica presented a brief overview of the draft 2010-11 Action Plan, covering carryover, allocation and reductions of the 4 types of HUD funds and how they will be allocated to the 6 Housing and Community Development objectives as identified in the 5-year Consolidated Plan. An estimated 5.85 million in HUD funds will be available; 2.19 carryover from prior years allocations and 3.66 million in new or previously unallocated HUD funds. The 3.66 million is an estimate based on a 10% reduction of the City's 2010 allocation for the fiscal year 2011-12 formula. HUD has not made a final decision and reductions are to be expected and adjustments may have to be done.

This Plan is currently in the Public Review period from April 7, 2011 to May 10, 2011 when it will go to City Council for action.

The Commission is asked to conduct a public hearing and review staff recommendation and recommend transmittal to City Council.

Chair Hanna opened the public hearing to receive testimony.

Judy Gonzalez from the Dayle Macintosh Center spoke requesting funding, which had previously been denied. They serve individuals with disabilities requesting assistance for emergency situations.

Commissioner Rubin, Freer, Hanna asked for additional details and clarification on several points.

Ms. Gonzales provided information on requirements to qualify for this one-time assistance.

Monica stated that a representative from Acacia Daycare was available if there were questions for them. Funding has been recommended for them. There were no questions.

Monica fielded questions from Commissioners Hanna and Rubin regarding details of funding amounts, reductions and information on specific recipients and the timeline.

Monica stated that estimates were based on a 10% reduction as suggested by the HUD rep, although cuts from 5% to 62% have been estimated. Sub-recipients have been advised of this.

With no further questions or comments, Chair Hanna moved to recommend the transmittal of the 2011-12 Action Plan to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Kill, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	HANNA, FREER, FOSTER, KILL, POPE, RUBIN
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	NONE

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

At Chair Hanna's suggestion, everyone introduce themselves and told a little about their background.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

SHERRI K OSLUND
Recording Secretary