

MINUTES
GARDEN GROVE AGENCY
FOR
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

A Regular Meeting of the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development was called to order in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Avenue, on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 7:26 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: (5) CHAIR NGUYEN, MEMBERS DALTON, KREBS, LEYES, ROSEN

ABSENT: (0) NONE

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC

There were no oral communications from the public relevant to the Agency.

MINUTES (F: Vault)

It was moved by Member Krebs, seconded by Member Dalton, and carried by unanimous vote, that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Agency held April 11, 2006, and Adjourned Regular Meeting held March 11, 2006, be and hereby are approved.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE MARGARET E. NATLAND TRUST FOR ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 12941 9TH STREET
(F: A-116.9) (XR: A-84.1)

Staff report dated April 25, 2006, was introduced and reviewed by staff.

Member Rosen commented that the acquisition of properties in the whole area of the Civic Center was discussed in a Study Session, but a consensus was not reached. He noted that he is uneasy about the Agency acquiring more property in that area without an ultimate plan. He can see acquiring more property on Civic Center Drive because it fronts City Hall and leads up to the Police Station, but he is uneasy about acquiring more property on 8th and 9th Streets and

undoing the residential nature of that area. On the other hand, this would be the fourth property fronting Garden Grove Boulevard between 8th and 9th, and perhaps some of that property should be liquidated.

Member Dalton noted that very few large parcels remain in Garden Grove, and this particular parcel is right in the Community Center area. He further noted that if we sell off what we have now we will never be able to acquire it again and develop a Civic Center or downtown area. In the event that we would want to have a closer-knit area in the Center, owning this property might provide the opportunity to swap properties with someone who has one that we may want. In the meantime, the property is in great shape and is going to be rented and will pay its own way.

Member Dalton moved, seconded by Chair Nguyen, that the Purchase and Sale Agreement by and between the Garden Grove Agency for Community Development and the Margaret E. Natland Trust for the acquisition of real property located at 12941 9th Street, be and hereby is approved.

Member Leyes commented that the acquisition of the entire area would be problematic and expensive. He noted that the southern end of the block between 8th and 9th Streets fronting Garden Grove Boulevard is suitable for a redevelopment project and he would hope that it is compatible with the character of that community but that it might also be part of the overall vision of the Civic Center area. There are seven properties left fronting Garden Grove Boulevard, and perhaps we should look at the six properties behind to the north and maybe swap with those properties and make a nice parkway that compliments the entrance to the Civic Center. The Agency should continue to explore this subject and come to some kind of conclusion before the next property comes up for sale.

The foregoing motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	MEMBERS: (4)	DALTON, KREBS, LEYES, NGUYEN
NOES:	MEMBERS: (1)	ROSEN
ABSENT:	MEMBERS: (0)	NONE

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:53 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

RUTH E. SMITH
SECRETARY