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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the NICC was called to order at 6:38 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: VICE CHAIR MARCARIO, COMMISSIONERS FREER,  
KAHF, MENDOZA, SALAZAR  
ABSENT: CHAIR HANNA, COMMISSIONER KILL

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Senior Project Manager; Monica Covarrubias, Administrative Analyst; Danny Huynh, Housing Supervisor; Veronica Tam, Veronica Tam & Associates; Genevieve Sharrow, Hogle-Ireland; Noemi Bass, Hogle-Ireland; Nancy Ragen, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Mendoza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2010 TERM

Commissioner Salazar moved to elect Chair Hanna as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Freer, and was carried with the following vote:

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

Commissioner Mendoza moved to elect Vice Chair Marcario as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Kahf, and was carried with the following vote:

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Freer moved to approve the Minutes from December 7, 2009, seconded by Commissioner Kahf, and was carried with the following vote:

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

## MATTERS FROM STAFF

### 2010-2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan Review and Input

Genevieve Sharrow, Hogle-Ireland, provided a power point presentation explaining the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the type of information the City is looking for to help prepare the consolidated plan.

Ms. Sharrow opened the floor to the committee members and the public to discuss the priority needs in the community, the funding available and how it can best be spend, what kind of programs, projects and categories are most important to the community for direction of this funding.

Ms. Genie Flint, Executive Director of Women Helping Women (WHW), Costa Mesa, stated there has been a huge surge of unemployed Garden Grove residents and countywide. WHW provides job search assistance, training, business appropriate clothing, resumes, computer training and have served 2700 women and 200 men. They are requesting CDBG funding from Garden Grove because of the great impact WHW has had on the community.

Vice Chair Marcario recommended using some of the funding towards the city's infrastructure, specifically sewer and water.

Commissioner Salazar asked if funding could be given to assist local businesses for remodeling and creating jobs. Ms. Tam replied economic development is an eligible use of CDBG fund, but only under very stringent requirements and are not enticing to a private owner.

Commissioner Kahf inquired if funding could be allocated to law enforcement, fire department, school districts, parks and recreation. Ms. Tam explained law enforcement is usually not eligible, except for youth programs that are referred by the court system. Fire equipment is an eligible activity if the requirements are met.

CDBG funds are not supposed to be replacing local or state funding to school districts, but to be used to enhance and improve programs and services for low- and moderate-income persons. Park improvement is an eligible activity, but playground equipment is only eligible if you are making it ADA compliant.

Vice Chair Marcario, Commissioners Mendoza and Kahf expressed the need for continued financial assistance to the growing aging population in the community.

Staff closed the information-gathering portion of the public meeting and announced surveys would continue to be collected through February 8.

## MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Freer requested clarification on "moderate income" in terms of a dollar amount. Ms. Tam stated the county maximum for CDBG is 80% of \$86,000, in 2009, for a family of four (4), and then it is adjusted upwards or downwards, depending on the household size; for redevelopment set aside money, the moderate income goes up to 120% for the county median.

Questions arose regarding the distribution of surveys. Staff stated surveys have been distributed to the city's community resource centers, Housing Authority, and libraries. Ms. Sharrow also indicated service providers have been given surveys to distribute to people who come to use their services.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Marcario moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Mendoza, and was carried with the following vote:

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

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

Nancy J. Ragen  
Recording Secretary