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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

REGULAR MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY
September 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the NICC was called to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: CHAIR HANNA, VICE CHAIR MARCARIO,
COMMISSIONERS FREER, MENDOZA

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS KILL, KAHF, SALAZAR

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Neighborhood Improvement Dev Manager; Monica Covarrubias, Administrative Analyst; Sharon Oslund, Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Marcario led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Freer moved to approve the Minutes from April 26, 2010, seconded by Vice Chair Marcario, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, FREER, MARCARIO

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE,

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: KAHF KILL, SALAZAR,

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: MENDOZA

PUBLIC HEARING

2009-10 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Review (CAPER)

Allison Mills provided the CAPER report to the Commission for the purpose of transmission to City Council. This report shows the accomplishments and goals of the action plan with the HUD funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This CAPER covers the final year of the current 5-year Consolidation Plan.

Chair Hanna opened the public hearing to receive testimony.

There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Freer and Vice Chair Marcario requested clarification and additional information on several line items of the attached exhibits. Staff provided the clarification.

Commissioner Marcario asked about Caring Neighbors and the amount ear marked for them and how much of that was spent. She asked if that excess couldn't be transferred to the Acacia Adult Day Care Center towards the purchase of an air conditioning system. Monica stated that Caring Neighbors is a new program and they are having a slow start, spending less than \$7,000 (and assisting only 6 recipients) of the \$20,000 ear marked for them. Performance is monitored on a quarterly basis, and funds are not distributed automatically. Allison explained that the upcoming year's budget has already been set and the unused funds were rolled over to the upcoming year's pool for distribution.

There was a discussion of the progress in the Harbor Banner area. Allison provided an update of the progress in the area; also Code Enforcement and Building Inspectors did inspections and surveys. Notification letters regarding violations were sent out and residents were informed about grant availability. A question was asked about what language the letter was in, and it was suggested that a 'blurb' be added at the end of the letter saying to learn more about this subject in various languages to call and that this should be added to any correspondence sent out by the City. Allison said she would pass this suggestion on to our Public Relations people.

Commissioner Freer moved to transmit the 2009-10 CAPER and Commissioner Marcario seconded. The motion was carried with the following vote:

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

MATTERS FROM STAFF

None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Various questions fielded and addressed by Allison Mills and Monica Covarrubias regarding affordable housing incentives including Density Bonus and various concessions in exchange for providing affordable units within the project.

Commissioner Hanna asked about the Fire Station properties, total 4, and the project is stalled until all property is secured. Money has been set aside and is still being held for this project.

Commissioner Freer asked about a code enforcement issue that had been previously addressed and Monica said she would talk to Code Enforcement about the status of this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

SHARON OSLUND
Recording Secretary