

M I N U T E S

GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

REGULAR MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER  
11300 STANFORD AVENUE  
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY  
JUNE 6, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: The regular session of the NICC Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: CHAIR SILVERBERG, VICE CHAIR BRIETIGAM,  
COMMISSIONERS DIAZ, HANNA, J. NGUYEN, M. CHONA  
PRESTON

ABSENT: D. NGUYEN

ALSO PRESENT: Kim Huy, Neighborhood Improvement Manager; Allison Mills, Senior Administrative Analyst; Thang Le, Administrative Analyst; and Teresa Pomeroy, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Diaz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Brietigam moved to approve the Minutes from April 18, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Diaz and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: BRIETIGAM, DIAZ, HANNA, J. NGUYEN, SILVERBERG

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: D. NGUYEN

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: PRESTON

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT – Recognition of Gary Sprague

Ms. Allison Mills introduced Mr. Gary Sprague to the Commission. The Neighborhood Improvement staff received a letter from Mr. Sprague's neighbors on Louise Street praising him for all of his hard work to beautify the neighborhood. Mr. Sprague not only upgraded his own home but has been helping his neighbors with maintenance and beautification as well. Chair Silverberg presented Mr. Sprague with a certificate and the Commission expressed appreciation to Mr. Sprague for his dedication to his neighborhood.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Jim Warner, resident of Louise Street, approached the Commission to express his appreciation for Mr. Gary Sprague's dedication to the neighborhood.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Final Consolidated Plan 2005

Ms. Kim Huy noted that the Commission received copies of the Final Consolidated Plan that was adopted by City Council at their meeting on May 10, 2005.

### Code Enforcement and Quarterly Report

Ms. Kim Huy provided a Code Enforcement Quarterly Report that tracks complaints and activities. She stated that at the next meeting, there would be a power point presentation regarding the City's property maintenance program. Grants and loans for senior rehabilitation for exterior home improvement have been activated. Seniors with low to moderate-income levels are eligible for up to \$3,500.00. There is also a mobile home exterior improvement grant for seniors that are available as well.

Ms. Huy noted that the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission would also be asked to act as a hearing body for property maintenance issues as there is some funding available to address public nuisance cases. Vice Chair Brietigam asked whether the Commission would be a hearing body for standard code violations. He also expressed an interest in meeting Code Enforcement staff and possibly the volunteers. Ms. Huy responded that the standard code violations are handled through staff and the city attorney, and she indicated that there would be an opportunity for the Commission to meet Code Enforcement staff.

Ms. Huy offered the Commission an opportunity to attend a study session with the city's Planning Commission on September 15, 2005. The study session will focus on affordable housing, development, and density. Representatives from the Lee Group, Jamboree Housing and HUD will be the guest speakers.

### Green Home – Energy Efficient Affordable Housing Seminar

Staff provided information regarding a Green Home seminar on energy efficient affordable housing that is free of charge. Ms. Allison Mills offered to make reservations for Commissioners who were interested in attending. Vice Chair Brietigam and Commissioners Diaz and Preston expressed an interest in attending.

### COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Preston questioned how the Redevelopment Agency plans to become more communicative and involved with the community. Ms. Huy suggested that options for community involvement and awareness for Agency projects would be neighborhood meetings, longer advertisement times, and posting on the city's website for information sharing.

Commissioner Nguyen asked that the city's website be updated for Community Development.

Commissioner Diaz asked how the 12 million dollar budget shortfall would affect the Community Development Department. Ms. Huy stated that the city has 25 position vacancies that are frozen, and indicated that currently no decisions have been made.

Commissioner Nguyen asked whether there have been any decisions regarding plans for a casino. Ms. Huy responded that City Council is waiting on the fiscal review committee prior to any discussions on a casino.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

TERESA POMEROY  
Recording Secretary