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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER 11300 STANFORD AVENUE GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	MONDAY September 12, 2011
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CALL TO ORDER:	A 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, Rubin, Miller, Foster
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONER: Freer (who called ahead to say she would not be present), Kill, Pope
ALSO PRESENT:	Monica Covarrubias, Administrative Analyst; Katie Angel, Economic Development Specialist; Sherri Oslund, Outgoing Recording Secretary, Ameenah Abu-hamdiyyah, New Recording Secretary.

Sherri Oslund, Outgoing Recording Secretary, introduced Ameenah Abu-hamdiyyah, the New Recording Secretary to the Commissioners.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Hanna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Rubin moved to approve the Minutes from the May 2, 2011 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Miller, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Hanna, Rubin, Miller, Foster
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Freer, Kill, Pope
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

Commissioner Miller moved to approve the Minutes from the July 11, 2011 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Hanna, Rubin, Miller, Foster
NOES:	COMMISSIONERS:	None
ABSENT:	COMMISSIONERS:	Freer, Kill, Pope
ABSTAIN:	COMMISSIONERS:	None

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

Item a: Economic Development Department Presentation by Katie Angel, Economic Development Specialist, regarding various projects under development by the department within the City. Katie provided handouts detailing 6 of the projects currently in development/planning.

Katie fielded questions from the Commissioners regarding several points, including; if all projects had been approved by the Agency, the location of the new Fire Station and the justification for building new hotels when seemingly the current ones were not fully occupied. Katie answered the questions and provided as much additional information as was available.

Item b: Monica presented a brief overview of the draft 2010-11 CAPER, providing details on the past year’s performance and giving details of how the 9.4 million dollars from various HUD funds was disbursed for housing, homeless prevention and social services needs. This is the 1st year of the 2010-15 Consolidated Plan, which specifies goals and objectives to address those needs. The CAPER is a report card of how we, as a City, did on the ongoing goals and objectives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Chair Hanna went over some details of what the CAPER and the Consolidated Plan involved for the new Commissioners. She also asked questions and Monica clarified points on how qualifying for certain assistance was done, and how Federal Funds carry with them additional rules. Commissioner Miller commented that she now understood better how the allocations had been done, but wondered if mid-term changes could be made. Monica stated that amendments could and have been made in the past, but they need to be approved by HUD.

Chair Hanna stated that it didn’t seem that seniors were being properly served, and Monica clarified ways in which funds are allocated for senior services.

Commissioner Rubin asked how a change can be made to the plan and Monica explained how money can be re-allocated if funds are 'left over' from a particular item being funded and charities/non-profits are identified as high, medium or low priority. Funds are allocated to the highest priority charities first and seniors do fall into the high priority classification.

With no further questions or comments, Chair Hanna moved to recommend the transmittal of the 2010-11 CAPER to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Foster, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: Hanna, Rubin, Miller, Foster

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: None

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: Freer, Kill, and Pope

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

None

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

SHERRI K OSLUND (and AMEENAH ABU-HAMDIYYAH)
Recording Secretary