

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
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 D. NGUYEN, J. NGUYEN, M. CHONA
PRESTON

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS DIAZ AND HANNA

ALSO PRESENT: Allison Mills, Project Manager; Code Enforcement Officers Patti Petruzzelli, Jerry Holstein, Ed Zaragoza, Julie Ashleigh, Jo Anne Chung, and Teresa Pomeroy, Recording Secretary.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Dina Nguyen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Silverberg moved to approve the Minutes from June 6, 2005, with a correction, seconded by Commissioner John Nguyen and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: BRIETIGAM, J. NGUYEN, PRESTON, SILVERBERG

NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: DIAZ, HANNA

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: D. NGUYEN

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Michael Hurley of 12221 Dunklee Drive approached the Commission and asked about contacting Code Enforcement for issues that occur on weekends such as yard sales. Ms. Allison Mills explained to Mr. Hurley that he can contact the Code Enforcement hotline or officer of the day, and that a code volunteer can document weekend code issues.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Introduction of Code Officers

Ms. Allison Mills introduced the Code Enforcement Officers in attendance, and stated the years of code enforcement experience of each officer.

Code Enforcement Presentation

Ms. Mills gave a power point presentation explaining the code enforcement abatement process, including the duties and areas of responsibilities of the city's code enforcement officers. Also included in the presentation was a detailed explanation of what constitutes residential and commercial violations that the code enforcement officers have the authority to process for abatement.

Second Quarter Code Enforcement Report

Ms. Mills provided the Code Enforcement Quarterly Report that tracks complaints and activities.

Review of CAPER

The CAPER report was provided to the Commission for the purpose of transmission to City Council. Ms. Allison Mills noted the addition of the Fair Housing section of the CAPER report provided to the Commission. This report shows the accomplishments and goals of the action plan with the HUD funds for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

Vice Chair Brietigam moved to transmit the CAPER report to City Council, seconded by Commissioner Dina Nguyen. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: BRIETIGAM, D. NGUYEN, J. NGUYEN, PRESTON, SILVERBERG
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: DIAZ, HANNA

Update of Grants and Loans

Ms. Mills provided an update on the number of grants and loans being processed as follows: 21 senior grants approved and nine applications pending, five mobile home grants with eight applications pending, and 13 applications for home rehab loans. CDBG funds the senior home improvement grants and the mobile home improvement grants. Rehab loans are funded with set aside money.

Vice Chair Brietigam asked about the eligibility criteria for the senior home improvement grant. Ms. Mills explained that senior home improvement grants for owner occupied homes are for the truly needy. Also, a city building inspector inspects the property to verify that the repairs are necessary. The improvements are primarily for external repair, and only internal repairs are approved for serious safety issues.

Commissioner Dina Nguyen questioned whether the first time homebuyer loan can be used to purchase a mobile home, noting that with the high cost of housing, it is difficult for many to qualify for a single family home. Ms. Mills stated that she would get that information for her.

Green Home – Energy Efficient Affordable Housing Seminar

Ms. Mills noted that Commissioner Diaz was the only commissioner who attended the seminar.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

TERESA POMEROY
Recording Secretary