

NOTICE

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URBAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

AGENDA

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:50 PM

WORKSHOP(S)

HEARING(S)

OPENING

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 1, 2009
September 8, 2009

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

COMMISSION COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The Urban Community Development Community meeting was called to order at 7:57 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Pro-Tem Yvonne Arceneaux.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Calhoun, Dobson , Jones, Arceneaux
Commissioners Absent: Perrodin

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, C. Evans

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lynn Boone, Compton resident, expressed the need for family-oriented developments in the City of Compton and questioned the revenues being generated from the Gateway Towne Center and the number of Compton residents employed there. Ms. Boone also commented on the urgent need for jobs in the City of Compton.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, requested the report regarding the 4.5 million dollars allocated to the Urban Community Development Commission for Residential Rehabilitation repairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 30, 2009
 July 7, 2009
 July 14, 2009
 July 21, 2009
 July 28, 2009

On motion by Calhoun, seconded by Dobson, the minutes were approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Calhoun, Dobson , Jones, Arceneaux
NOES: Commissioners - None
ABSENT: Commissioners - Perrodin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux stated that there is a lot of inaccurate information being disseminated to the community, which is why she has requested various reports, to address these issues as they are raised.

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Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux expressed a concern for the slow progress in the city and acknowledged that the city must continue to grow and improve the facade of Compton Boulevard, Alondra Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard.

Charles Evans, Executive Secretary, informed the citizens, that the city has made large strides in the area of development, such as the passing of the SmartGrowth and Specific Plan, in addition to finalizing the general plan for the development of Compton Boulevard. Mr. Evans explained that the SmartGrowth Plan involves a new Towne Center in the Downtown Compton area and a Senior Housing and Community Center. Mr. Evans stated that the city is also proposing the implementation of a streetscape plan that would widen the sidewalks on Compton Boulevard, in an effort to create new shops and housing.

Mr. Evans commented on the significance of the State's proposal to take approximately four million dollars a year for the next two years, from the Community Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Evans added that the SmartGrowth Specific Plan not only continues the development of the city, but addressing the State's proposal, as well.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Calhoun, Dobson , Jones, Arceneaux

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT: Commissioners - Perrodin

Clerk of the Urban Community Development Commission

Chairman of the Urban Community Development Commission

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The Urban Community Development Commission meeting was called to order at 3:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall by Chairperson Pro-Tem Yvonne Arceneaux.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Calhoun, Dobson, Jones, Arceneaux
Commissioners Absent: Perrodin

Other Officials Present: C. Cornwell, A. Godwin, C. Evans

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Benjamin Holifield, Compton resident, stated that he observed many issues in the community and felt the Commission should relieve the liaisons of their duties. Mr. Holifield asked that a number of blighted areas in the community be renovated, such as; Central Avenue and Compton Boulevard, Dwight and Compton Boulevard and Tajauta and Compton Boulevard. Mr. Holifield also mentioned that the properties on the residential side of Compton Boulevard (First District) are being cared for, although the commercial sector (Third District) is being neglected.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux acknowledged that many of the lots in the Third District on Compton Boulevard are private lots and instructed the Executive Secretary to conduct an assessment of the vacant lots in the Third District and hold the owner's of those properties accountable.

Gwen Patrick, Compton resident, expressed a concern for asbestos in the walls of the former Martin Luther King, Jr. Transit Center building. Ms. Patrick also voiced a concern for the lack of lighting on Long Beach Boulevard and the development of the Burlington Coat Factory. Ms. Patrick further stated that she hoped the facade improvements would be completed before the mark of the Compton Christmas Parade.

William Kemp, Compton resident, inquired as to whether the monument attributed to Caesar Chavez and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. located on Willowbrook and Compton Boulevard would be demolished, and if so, will the community be made aware. Mr. Kemp further addressed the City Attorney, stating that audience comments entail all issues, regardless of whether their comments are effective or not.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux requested a report concerning the providence of the monument located at Willowbrook and Compton Boulevard.

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Lynn Boone, Compton resident, commented on the shopping center in Lynwood and stated that it seems as if, anything that addresses Compton is set up to fail. Ms. Boone stated that the properties wrapped with green tarp were purchased by the city during the real estate boom, in an attempt to construct homes and make a profit. Ms. Boone alleged that the monies used to purchase those properties were initially allocated to the First Time Homebuyers and Residential Rehabilitation programs. Ms. Boone cited that there was too much conversation and too much money being spent without anything being done.

Joyce Kelly, Compton resident, stated that the city's elected official's rights are surrendered under the Brown Act. Ms. Kelly addressed Councilperson Dobson, indicating that the Brown Act says that the public can talk to her, dispute or call her names.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux asked that the City Attorney address this issue.

Craig Cornwell, City Attorney, informed Ms. Kelly that she could not personally attack Councilperson Dobson in this forum, noting that it is untrue to state that the Brown Act supports her citing whatever she wishes to elected officials. Mr. Cornwell stated that there are rules of decorum documented within the Compton Municipal Code, as well as the Brown Act, which is the California Government Code and it does not authorize personal attacks.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux asked that Ms. Kelly address the issues under the Urban Community Development Commission.

Ms. Kelly addressed the City Attorney stating that he is incorrect, regarding the Brown Act. Ms. Kelly stated that she could talk anytime, concerning any subject. Ms. Kelly stated that she is speaking under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America. Furthermore, Ms. Kelly stated that the agenda was not posted in front of city hall, or on the internet 72 hours before the council meeting.

Alita Godwin, City Clerk, stated that the agenda is posted every Thursday, noting that she could not deter anyone from confiscating the agenda from the case in front of city hall. Ms. Godwin also stated that it is not a requirement to post the agenda on the internet 72 hours before the council meeting. Ms. Godwin informed Ms. Kelly that the web posting is a courtesy to the citizens of Compton.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 16, 2009

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Jones, the minutes were approved, by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Calhoun, Dobson, Jones, Arceneaux

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT: Commissioners - Perrodin

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS - There was no New Business.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dobson stated that the installation of brighter lights takes a lot of time and money to bring to fruition. Ms. Dobson stated that she is unsure of the commencement of the Burlington Coat Factory, however she acknowledged the lengthy business transactions that must take place prior to its completion. She further notified the citizens that the city does not own that building. Ms. Dobson asked that the citizens be patient with the city, concluding that she would remain professional and considerate of the citizens that she works for.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux stated that she has the same concerns regarding the city's appearance. Ms. Arceneaux mentioned that the entire Commission performs a monthly assessment of the city's major thoroughfare with their liaisons and reports it to the city. Ms. Arceneaux assured Mr. Holifield that the commission is observant and regularly reports those business owners that neglect their properties.

Chairperson Pro-Tem Arceneaux further notified Ms. Boone that she had received the report regarding the lease revenue bonds and mentioned that she would instruct the City Manager to present the report to the community.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Dobson, seconded by Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m., by the following vote on roll call:

AYES: Commissioners - Calhoun, Dobson, Jones, Arceneaux

NOES: Commissioners - None

ABSENT: Commissioners - Perrodin

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