

MEETING DATE: **October 6, 2008**

AGENDA ITEM: **Consideration of (1) a Request by Dr. Suzanne De Benedittis for the City to Provide Support for a Rally on October 18, 2008 and the Board of Supervisors' Hearing related to the Baldwin Hills Community Standards District as Proposed by Dr. De Benedittis and (2) a Related Budget Amendment (if necessary).**

ATTACHMENTS

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City of Culver City
Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers
For October 6, 2008 City Council Meeting

Proposal for Culver City Encouraging and Supporting
Residents' Involvement in County Decision Making Process
Regarding Baldwin Hills Community Standard District

Rationale: Given that we, as residents of LA County, will have to live under the oil field regulations decided upon by the Board of Supervisors, for the next 20 years or more, it is imperative that we are duly informed and be given the opportunity to weigh in on October 21, 2008 to pressure the Supervisors to put the community's health and safety before all other considerations.

Ken Kutcher, CEQA lawyer/Culver Crest, strongly urges that the community pack this decision-making hearing, as he knows PXP will with their proponents. Ken sees the need for us to get at least 500 people to this hearing.

Although a Town Hall meeting may prove informative, Ken recommends our focus stay on packing the hearing and that we request Culver City's support in doing this alternative.

In lieu of a Town Hall meeting, other members of the Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance (GBHA) are planning a Rally and Peaceful Demonstration at the County Park near PXP on Saturday morning, Oct. 18th to prep people for the BOS hearing + buses for the 21st.

Proposal: On behalf of our Culver City community, I am requesting that the City provide support with notification and transportation, beginning October 7th through the BOS hearing, currently scheduled for the 21st.

NOTIFICATION

Contents:

- A.** Summary of CSD importance, noting unresolved issues, empowering citizenry by urging attendance at BOS hearing on the 21st, and rally on the 18th to learn more;
- B.** Location, time, date and directions for events + park & ride locations; and contact information.

Dissemination:

- 1. City wide mailer **or** walkman distributing flyers door to door delivered by Oct. 10th
- 2. Reminder Postcard delivered by October 16th.
- 3. Invitation to the Community Ad placed in local papers on Oct. 7th and 14th,

- Culver City News
- Culver City Observer
- The Wave
- The Front Page Online

4. City support of GBHA, HOA and NA outreach to local religious congregations, Senior Center, CCUSD and other schools, Chamber of Commerce, DBA and other Civic organizations

TRANSPORTATION

We will need buses for transporting our residents both to the rally on Saturday, Oct. 18th and to the Board of Supervisors hearing on Tuesday, the 21st.

At an earlier hearing, a member of the Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance has gotten us a tour bus (seating 47) for \$360.00 total, paid for by Windsor Hills HOA. Bernard Parks's office secured another for Oct. 1st. The Culver Crest Neighborhood Association has committed to paying for one bus for Oct. 21st.

Would the City support this effort by providing Park & Ride for our people?

OTHER SUPPORTIVE GROUPS

Please know that the Greater Baldwin Hills Alliance is a non-funded consortium of community activists hosted by Community Health Councils. For more information, please contact Gwendolyn Flynn at (323) 295-9372.

This work group formed in response to Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas' and Speaker Karen Bass' Summit on Empowering the Affected Communities when the Baldwin Hills oil field EIR process began two years ago,

We have contacted their offices and are awaiting reply regarding their involvement in these concluding efforts of the GBHA.

Homeowners associations and other groups that are actively involved in the GBHA efforts include (but not limited to) Baldwin Hills Conservancy, The City Project, National Resources Defense Council, Culver Crest Neighborhood Assn, Culver City HOA, Blair Hills, Windsor Hills, Baldwin Vista, Baldwin Hills Estates, Village Green, Ladder Heights, Limier Park, View Park and other Neighborhood Councils.

Respectfully submitted,
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City Council Policy Statement No. 2008-01
Subject Matter: Community Organizations
Adopted by Resolution No. 2008-R 011

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide objective criteria for application in determining the status of a Community Organization with respect to three areas:

- City Sponsorship
- Eligibility for use of the City's Banner Poles
- the Official Relationship between the City and the Community Organization

This Policy shall apply to all Community Organizations that are provided financial support by the City and/or the Redevelopment Agency. Additionally, this Policy shall provide additional clarification when determining if a Community Organization qualifies as "City Sponsored" for purposes of determining applicability of rental rates at the Veterans Memorial Complex and other City facilities and other purposes.

GENERAL DEFINITION OF CITY SPONSORED AND CIVIC EVENT OR ACTIVITY

"Sponsored" means that the City and/or Redevelopment Agency is (a) participating in an official capacity in the planning, preparation or promotion of the **Civic event or activity**; and (b) contributing 25% of the total estimated costs of the civic event or activity, or at least \$1,000, whichever is less. This contribution may take the form of funds, labor, staff time, materials, a waiver of fees, or any combination of the foregoing. (this definition is taken from Culver City Municipal Code Section 17.330.040.B.7.b.ii)

"Civic event or activity" means any event or activity organized or sponsored by the City or Redevelopment Agency including, but not limited to, (a) any public program or educational activity; and (b) the commemoration or celebration of any historical date, event or person, holiday or persons or events of local, state or national significance. (this definition is taken from Culver City Municipal Code Section 17.330.040.B.7.b.i)

COMMUNITY ORGNAIZATION CATEGORIES

Category 1: Official City Committees

To be eligible for this category, the Community Organization must meet the following criteria:

- (1) All members of the Community Organization are either appointed (a) directly by the City Council or (b) by any City Council/Agency created body upon direction of the City Council; **OR**
- (2) The Community Organization's members are approved and/or ratified by the City Council/Agency.

For clarification, the City Council, Redevelopment Agency, and City Staff (in the conduct of Official City Business) are also included in Category 1.

Summary Table

City and/or Agency Sponsored?	Banner ?	Lease/MOU Needed?
Yes	Yes	No

Category 2: Cooperative Community Groups

This category includes Community Organizations that meet **all** of the following criteria:

- (1) Members are **not** appointed by the City Council or a City Council created body
- (2) The Community Organization works closely with the City Council/Staff to organize civic events and/or activities organized or sponsored by the City or Redevelopment Agency (as those terms are defined in Section 17.330.040.B.7.b of the Municipal Code – Attachment 2)
- (3) Directly receives or provides City or Agency funds (**as opposed to a waiver of fees**) approved by the City Council;
- (4) The Community Group is a legally recognizable group (for example, a corporation, a 501(c)(3) organization, etc.)
- (5) The Community Group has negotiated and executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)* with the City.

Summary Table

City and/or Agency Sponsored?	Banner ?	Lease/MOU Needed?
No	Maybe**	Yes

*The terms Lease/MOU refer to any written agreement approved by both the City/Agency and the Organization.

**Subject to the terms of the MOU and compliance with CCMC Section 17.330.040.

Category 3: City Sponsored Events

This category is for **events** which are produced by City Organizations that are not Official City Committees (Category 1) or Cooperative Community Groups (Category 2). To be considered a City Sponsored Event, the event must:

- (1) be a civic event or activity organized or sponsored by the City or Redevelopment Agency (CCMC Section 17.330.040.B.7.a); **and**,
- (2) To determine whether the civic event or activity is "sponsored" by the City or Redevelopment Agency, the following criteria must be met: The City and/or Redevelopment Agency is (a) participating in an **official capacity** in the planning, preparation, or promotion of the event or activity; **and** (b) contributes 25% of the total estimated cost of the event or activity or at least \$1,000, whichever is less. (Note: this contribution may take the form of funds, labor, staff time, materials, a waiver of fees, or any combination of the foregoing); **and**,
- (3) By specific action, the City Council has determined that the above criteria have been met

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Yes	Yes	No*

Category 4: City Facility Lessees

These are Community Organizations which are parties to a lease agreement with the City and/or the Redevelopment Agency. The lease agreement is subject to the legal review and approval of the City Attorney's Office and approval by the City Council.

The lease agreements embody the responsibilities of both the City/Agency and the lessee (Community Organization). Additionally, leases can only be executed between the City/Agency and a legally recognizable group.

Summary Table

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No	No	Yes

Category 5: Volunteer Organizations and Individuals

No specific privileges are granted to volunteer organizations or individuals, in general. However, Volunteer Organizations may request the City Council enter into a MOU or similar agreement which would require the City Council's approval (so long as the Volunteer Organization is a Legally Recognized Entity).

Summary Table

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No	No	Maybe

Category 6: Other Organizations

This category captures those Community Organizations which do not qualify for the other 5 categories. Community Organizations which petition the City for benefits are required to enter into either a lease agreement (in which case they would qualify for Category 4) or enter into an MOU with the City. Additionally, the number of Organizations which qualify for Category 6 should be small in number.

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No	No	Maybe

LEGALLY RECOGNIZED STATUS

Community Organizations who wish to receive support from the City shall be organized in a legally recognizable way. Following are several examples of a legally recognized entity:

- Corporation
- Partnership (including limited partnership)
- Charitable Organization 501(c)(3) or equivalent
- Sole Proprietorship

The City Attorney's Office may determine other legally recognizable entities which would be eligible to enter into agreements with the City.

FISCAL REPORTING

Because of the importance of carefully monitoring of the use of the public's money, staff is directed to include in all MOUs with Community Organizations a requirement to report at least semi-annually to the City Council on the financial activities of the Organization. This provides the Organization with an opportunity to inform the City Council of its activities over the last six-month period and provides the City Council with an opportunity to ask questions of the Organization.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

This policy shall become effective: The first day after the expiration of a specific Community Organization's existing rental agreement with the City, or January 1, 2009, whichever date occurs first.