

REGULAR MEETING
OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY,
CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

October 20, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the Agency was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Andrew Weissman, Agency Chair
Christopher Armenta, Agency Vice Chair
D. Scott Malsin, Agency Member
Micheál O'Leary, Agency Member
Gary Silbiger, Agency Member

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Closed Session

The Agency immediately recessed to Closed Session to discuss the following item:

CS-1 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation
Re: Significant Exposure to Litigation - (1 item)
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1)

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Reconvene

Chair Weissman reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. with all Members present.

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Closed Session Report

Chair Weissman indicated that there was nothing to report out from Closed Session.

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Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance

City Clerk Martin Cole, led the invocation. Sarah Kay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Public Comment for Items NOT On the Agenda

None.

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Public Comment for Items On the Agenda

None.

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Recess/Reconvene

Chair Weissman recessed to the City Council meeting from 7:13 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.

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Joint Public Hearing

Item JPH-1

REQUEST BY APPLICANT AND APPELLANTS TO CONTINUE JOINT PUBLIC HEARING TO NOVEMBER 10, 2008: CONTINUED JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: 1) City Council Consideration of the Appeal of the Planning Commission's Approval of Site Plan Review, SPR P2007116, and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Construction of a Mixed-use Building with 26 Residential Condominium Units and 3,370 Square Feet of Office Space Located at 4043 Irving Place; and 2) Redevelopment Agency Consideration of the Project as it Relates to the Redevelopment Plan. (Public Hearing Continued from August 18, 2008 and further continued from September 15, 2008).

Chair Weissman recused himself and left the dais.

City Clerk, Martin Cole questioned whether comments could be taken when the public hearing had not yet been opened and City Attorney, Carol Schwab clarified that speakers could be heard on the continuance.

Item JPH-1
(Continued)

Sal Gonzalez provided a summary of his efforts to work with the City and the appellants on the project. He indicated that he had a conflict with the November 10, 2008 hearing and asked to have the hearing on November 3, 2008 instead.

George Mitsonis expressed frustration that after agreeing to a modified plan suggested by Judy Miller, the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) wanted something else.

Agency General Counsel, Murray Kane clarified that the only thing on the agenda for continuance was the land use entitlement appeal and the companion land use decision of the Agency, and there were no negotiations on the Redevelopment Agency agenda for this meeting.

Member Malsin questioned ramifications of changing the date.

Assistant Executive Director, Sol Blumenfeld recommended keeping the November 10, 2008 date as that was agreed to and the neighborhood was already planning on that date.

Michael Miller objected to moving the date. He acknowledged the disparate group but indicated that they had agreed to vote on the matter and would work with the developers to come to a resolution.

Associate Analyst, Alice Prasad read a comment card submitted by Jim Bentley as a named appellant who supported the November 10, 2008 hearing date.

The Agency received clarification that, while not ideal, November 17, 2008 would work for the parties involved.

MOVED BY MEMBER SILBIGER AND SECONDED BY MEMBER O'LEARY TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 AT 7:00 P.M. VOTING ON THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CHAIR WEISSMAN WHO WAS RECUSED.

Chair Weissman returned to the dais.

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Consent Calendar

MOVED BY MEMBER MALSIN, SECONDED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS C-1 THROUGH C-3.

Item C-1

Secretary's Report

The Agency approved the Report of the Secretary.

Item C-2

Cash Disbursements

The Agency approved Cash Disbursements from September 13, 2008 through October 3, 2008.

Item C-3

Meeting Minutes

The Agency approved the Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2008 and July 7, 2008.

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Receipt of Correspondence

MOVED BY MEMBER ARMENTA, SECONDED BY MEMBER MALSIN, AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE.

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Items from Staff

City Clerk Cole requested that the City Council and Redevelopment Agency hold a special meeting.

Staff and the Agency discussed schedules and agreed to meet on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 9 a.m.

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Items from the Agency

Member O'Leary urged residents to investigate how their alarm systems work as his business was broken into and his alarm system was deactivated when the thieves cut his telephone line.

Member Malsin invited everyone to attend Speakeasy, a Redevelopment Agency Arts program, with Patrice Rushen and Sandra Tsing Loh, on November 21 at the Culver City Event Center.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, at 8:24 p.m., the Agency adjourned to a regular meeting on Monday, October 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers.

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Alice Prasad
SECRETARY of the City of Culver City Redevelopment Agency, California

APPROVED

Andrew Weissman
CHAIRPERSON of the Redevelopment Agency, City of Culver City, California