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GARDEN GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT AND
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (NICC)

SPECIAL MEETING

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE
GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY
JUNE 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the NICC was called to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Community Meeting Center.

PRESENT: CHAIR HANNA, VICE-CHAIR FREER,
COMMISSIONERS FOSTER, MILLER, KILL, RUBIN,
POPE ARRIVED AT 6:37 PM.

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Monica Covarrubias, Senior Program Specialist; Tom Ferch,
Senior Program Specialist; Ameenah Abu-Hamdiyyah,
Recording Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Rubin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Freer moved to approve the Minutes from the May 7, 2012 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, and was carried with the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS: HANNA, FREER, MILLER, RUBIN, POPE
NOES: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS: FOSTER, KILL

MATTERS FROM STAFF

Item 3.a: A HUD Funding Overview presentation was given by staff to clarify how HUD funds are used and define the role of the Neighborhood Improvement and Conservation Commission. Staff gave a synopsis of the Neighborhood Improvement Annual Cycle starting with the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in

January through Monitoring in December. Staff went over the Citizen Participation Plan, the Five Year Consolidated Plan, as well as the Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS

The Citizen Participation Plan requires the conduct of community surveys. Chair Hanna inquired where and how these community surveys are done. Staff responded that the surveys are only mailed to the moderate and low-income areas in Garden Grove, as it would be too costly to have them sent to everyone. The surveys are also available at the local libraries, the Community Meeting Center, City Hall, and the Neighborhood Improvement Division.

Commissioner Freer inquired what affect the loss of Redevelopment funds has had on Neighborhood Improvement Divisions projects and HUD funding. Staff responded that they have been impacted significantly albeit indirectly. Many projects were supplemented with Redevelopment funds and could now possibly not move forward. In addition there has been a cut in actual HUD funding. To accommodate the situation, funds could be held onto multiple years and accumulated. Neighborhood Improvement also works with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) who come into projects with their own funds.

Chair Hanna voiced concern on what would become of the Tax Increment after the loss of Redevelopment funds and how it would affect old, ongoing, and new projects. Staff responded that they understood that the Tax Increment would be going to the State and not the General Fund. The State Assessing Agency would be determining what projects would go forward. This would take time as it covers the whole state and involves various legal issues.

Staff informed commissioners that available reports from Economic Development pertaining to the Redevelopment fund would be emailed to them. Staff from Economic Development would be asked to the next NICC meeting to respond to any queries pertaining to the consequences of the loss of Redevelopment Funds.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ameenah Abu-Hamdiyyah
Recording Secretary