

ITEM 10.B.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY/PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MOORPARK

Moorpark, California

April 29, 2009

A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Planning Commission of the City of Moorpark was held on April 29, 2009, in the Community Center of said City located at 799 Moorpark Avenue, Moorpark, California.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor/Chair Parvin called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

No pledge of allegiance due to absence of a flag.

3. ROLL CALL:

Agency/City Council: Councilmembers/Agency Members Mikos, Millhouse, Van Dam, and Mayor/Chair Parvin.

Planning Commission: Commissioners Bagwell, DiCecco, Taillon (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) and Chair Hamous.

Absent: Commissioner Landis

Staff Present: Steven Kueny, Executive Director/City Manager; Hugh Riley, Assistant Executive Director/Assistant City Manager; Barry Hogan, Deputy City Manager; Deborah Traffenstedt, Agency Secretary/City Clerk; and Maureen Benson, Assistant City Clerk.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor/Chair Parvin turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan who introduced the Town Hall Meeting format.

5. PRESENTATION/ACTION/DISCUSSION:

A. Consider High Street Streetscape Concepts. Staff Recommendation: Set the May 6, 2009 Council meeting for action on a selected concept for High Street Streetscape.

Mr. Hogan provided background on two prior community meetings held at the Moorpark Chamber of Commerce to solicit comments and suggestions from High Street property owners, and the Redevelopment Agency meeting of March 18, 2009, where the Council directed this joint meeting take place.

Mr. Hogan presented the special features of the two proposed streetscape designs.

Planning Commission concerns and suggestions included: 1) Limited available parking; 2) Coordinating the Aszkenazy Development plans with this proposal; 3) Safety concerns at pedestrian crosswalks and angled intersections; 4) Slowing traffic on High Street; 5) Two arches are sufficient and consider placement of the western arch set back from the corner to make it more visible and not block the doorway at 17 East High Street; 6) Cobblestones are preferable over painted intersections; 7) Removing planter proposed at the entrance to the Theater to provide an open area; and 8) When sidewalks are replaced consider including artwork in the new pavement.

Audience participants' concerns and suggestions included: 1) Addition of maintenance costs in the proposal; 2) Safety for pedestrians crossing High Street; 3) Acknowledging additional parking will be available offsite at the western end of High Street; 3) Four arches are excessive for such a short street; 3) Cobble stone intersections are preferred over painted; 4) Brick pavers with names of donors for sidewalks; and 5) Incorporate opportunities to show the history of the downtown area in art form.

Council comments included: 1) Safe parking and safe access as a priority; 2) Including the Arts Commission in early stages of planning for art in public places; and 3) During conceptual process, concentrate on the possibilities, not the cost.

Captain Nelson stated statistics show that angled parking and the bulging corners at intersections do slow traffic.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Agency/Council to continue this item to the regular City Council meeting of June 3, 2009.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor/Chair Parvin adjourned the City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Chair Hamous adjourned the Planning Commission meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Janice S. Parvin, Mayor/Chair

Bruce Hamous, Chair

ATTEST:

Deborah S. Traffenstedt
City Clerk/Agency Secretary