

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

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DATE: April 7, 2010 (CC Meeting of 4/21/2010)

SUBJECT: Consider Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee Members to Negotiate the Terms of a Development Agreement between the City and Pardee Homes for the Residential Development of Planning Area 7 of the Moorpark Highlands Specific Plan



BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

In October 2008, the Moorpark Unified School District notified the City that the 22-acre school site at the southeast corner of Ridgecrest Drive and Elk Run Loop, Planning Area 7 of Moorpark Highlands Specific Plan, was no longer needed for a school and the district wished to terminate the purchase and sale agreement. Pardee Homes disputed the school district's ability to terminate the agreement. Councilmembers Millhouse and Van Dam, as ad-hoc committee members, worked with Pardee Homes to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow the consideration of residential development of the vacant school site as a resolution of the dispute.

On April 1, 2009, the City Council approved the MOU with Pardee Homes, allowing Pardee Homes to file an application for development of up to 225 homes on the vacant school site. On September 18, 2009, Pardee Homes filed an application for 133 single-family detached homes on the property. The proposal would require a new development agreement to supplement the existing development agreement for the entire Moorpark Highlands development. An ad-hoc committee of two Councilmembers is needed to negotiate the terms of the development agreement. For continuity, staff recommends appointing Councilmembers Millhouse and Van Dam as ad-hoc committee members for negotiation of the development agreement.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Appoint Councilmembers Millhouse and Van Dam as the Moorpark Highlands Planning Area 7 development agreement ad-hoc committee.