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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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OAK VIEW TASK FORCE Meeting Minutes REVISED

Thursday, April 7, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Oak View Library
17241 Oak Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 92647

City Staff Liaison:

Chris Slama, Community Services Manager, Community Services Dept.

Council Liaison:

Dave Sullivan, Mayor Pro Tem
Barbara Delgleize, Council Member

City Department Attendees:

Al Brady, Code Enforcement
Charlene Gomez, Community Services
Debra Jubinsky, Public Works
Claudia Locke, Oak View Branch Library
Rich Massi, Code Enforcement
Doris Powell, Public Works
Kathy Schooley, Code Enforcement
Simone Slifman, Business Development

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Slama called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. At that time, Slama introduced the new format for the OVTF meetings stating that meeting is being restructured in order to better organize and document comments. Going forward, City staff will continue with roundtable style reporting, while organizations and other individuals wishing to report or comment will do so during the public speaking portion of the meeting. Those who wish to speak will complete and submit a public speaker form and be limited to the standard 3-minute time limit. Slama elaborated by saying that he and Gomez had researched the genesis of the OVTF. In the 1980s, City Staff and various agencies who serve the Oak View area formed the Oak View Task Force. The meetings provided opportunities for City staff and the various agencies to communicate, and for City departments to be in attendance and make announcements. The new agenda will begin with the Call to Order, then the Public Speakers, Approval of Minutes, and then Presentations. (Presentations will be provided by City staff or Oak View partners. If you would like to present a presentation, requests should be submitted in

advance to Chris Slama, Manager of Community Services, or his Administrative Secretary, Charlene Gomez. They will submit the request to the Council Liaisons for approval.) Continuing with the new agenda format, next will be Council Liaisons Reports, followed by City Staff Reports, Items Distributed, Announcement of Next Meeting and finally Adjournment.

Slama called for public comments.

2. **Public Speakers:**

Mary Urashima, Chair of Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force, which includes **is working on preservation of** the Furuta farm property at the intersection of Nichols and Warner and the Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, reported that **Historic** Wintersburg was designated a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation out of Washington DC. The ~~Wintersburg~~ Task Force is continuing to meet with the new owners of the property to determine the path going forward. The Task Force posts regular Site Condition Reports and there has been recent cleanup activity **by the property owner**. ~~They are~~ **The Task Force is getting permission to bring** in a professional arborists to remove branches that are damaging the historical structure – all at no cost to the owner.

Additionally, Ms. Urashima, ~~and appointee for the~~ **is on the** Citizens Infrastructure Advisory Board ~~through~~ **for** the City of Huntington Beach, and is also looking forward to the report on infrastructure **investments in Oak View** and regular updates on **the schedule for** street resurfacing, signs, etc. **Similar reports are provided at the South East Area Committee** so that it will be know what major projects are planned for the southeast area of Huntington Beach, **and thinks it will be very productive to know what some of the major projects are planned for the neighborhood.**

Victor ~~Valledores~~ **Valladares**, Oak View Comunidad, spoke on behalf of several residents being displaced due to the purchase of property at 17202 Emerald Lane, another property purchased for \$2.2M at 17101 Ash Lane and they are aware of the high density issue and affordable housing in Huntington Beach. They are also aware of the letter sent to Southern California Association of Government (SCAG). He is in fear of the process of gentrification in the community. The area has issue with dilapidated properties and code enforcement. He spoke with Officer Al Brady and is appreciative of the proactive approach on citations. Mr. Valledares also announced that Community Activist, Denny Larson, will hold a meeting for anyone interested in learning about Environmental Impacts, including air quality and soil samples, along with the UCI Law Clinic. This meeting is tomorrow, April 8. Additionally, he spoke regarding the tree limbs damaging at the Wintersburg site.

Rosa Mendieta, Principal, Oak View Elementary School, which is hosting today's meeting, welcomed everyone in attendance. Important dates on their calendar include: April 15, 5th grade students going to the fair; April 20th is a jog-a-thon fundraiser; Cinco de Mayo celebration will be held on Wednesdays, Quarto de Mayo, 1-4 pm. They are in need of donations to help raise funds. School ends on June 22nd.

Katherine Johansen, property owner of Solteros Apartments. They have been in the neighborhood since 1975, and a member of the Property Owners Association (POA)

since the beginning. She would like to see the POA reinvigorated. Invites others in the association to bring the standard of their residents up to the standards of her buildings and she is willing to help and show them what she has done with her complex.

Kim Travis-Sumpter, a resident for 15 years. She is a property manager, who works for Katherine Johansen. She mentioned that Code Enforcement had come out and asked that some boards covering holes in the fence be removed, however, she states that they are there to keep criminals out as they continue to cut the fence to gain access. She also addressed loud parties that happen every weekend. She feels that police presence isn't at the level that it should be. There are issues with fireworks causing her residents concern of fires. She receives complaints from her residents regarding the taco truck that parks behind the apartment complex, citing odor, trash and rodents. She said she will be in contact with Code Enforcement. She also has issues with tarps and trash in the street, and Code Enforcement not going after property owners to take care of their properties. Delgleize asked about the timeframe of the fireworks issue – if it were during the 4th of July. Ms. Travis-Sumpter responded that it is the month leading up to the 4th and continues periodically throughout the summer and starts up again for New Years. Delgleize asked for her street name and address, which she responded as 17252, 17272, 17282, 17281, 17300, and 17301 Keelson Lane.

James Sumpter a resident of Keelson Lane. Has a complaint about the loud parties. They report to the police, but feel there is no response. He addressed the issue of the wood boards in the fence to keep people out. He also complained about a shredded tarp covering half of a patio with barn tin covering the other half. Feels it's unfair that the Soltara Apartments are singled out for the boards covering holes in the fence, when there are worse eyesores in the neighborhood. Also feels that double parking is an issue.

Carol Hansen, Superintendent, Oak View School District (OVSD). She is new to the position along with other administrators in the OVSD. She announced that the original building at the Oak View Elementary School is open. Thanked the City officials who attended the grand re-opening. Update on Rainbow odor – due to complaints, a recent AQMD abatement order was put into force and an update status meeting will be held in Diamond Bar on April 13. She is in support of the Winterburg property preservation. She feels it a good learning tool for the students. District is working on a Facilities Master Plan to determine what needs to be repaired and updated. There will be public input meetings beginning May 11 and every Wednesday thereafter. Encourages parents and the public to come to the meetings and ask question so that they are involved. Council Liaison Sullivan asked if the results of the AQMD update can be brought to a Council meeting. Ms. Hansen agreed.

3. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- a. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Al Brady reported that there is a spike in graffiti. Feels there may be a new gang and is working with PD to identify if it is a new gang and where it emanates from. He gave an update on a comment received at the last meeting by resident Maria Marin, who was fearful of retaliation for reporting code violations. Code Enforcement is sensitive to those kinds of issues and they are trying to take a proactive approach, looking at a building as a whole, so that

no one apartment is singled out. CE is trying to open up lines of communication with bilingual personnel to assist with reporting.

- b. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Chris Slama reported that he will be attending the CPAB meeting following this meeting, where the department has applied for CDBG grants on behalf of community programs and partners, including the Boys & Girls Club and the Oak View Resource Center.
- c. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Simone Slifman reported that her department oversees the Community Development Block Grant funds (CDBG) as referenced by Slama. These are federal funds that come from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A portion of the money is used to provide services in the Oak View Community through the Family Resources Center, the Boys & Girls Club, and the Oak View Family Literacy program which is run by the OV Branch Library. Also the Fair Housing Foundation provides service to the City for people who are in need of information on fair house, landlord evictions, and tenant and property-owner rights. ~~They also cover some of the code enforcement issues in the Oak View area.~~ **They also assist with some of the tenants when needed in the Oak View area in combination with Code Enforcement.** There are 13 applicants for the 2016-17 program year. Council Liaison Delgleize asked when the grant recipients will be announced. The first round of seven applicants will present at tonight's meeting, the next six applicants and the May 5 meeting, with CPAB meeting on May 12 to compile their recommendations and then the recommendations will go to a study session for City Council on June 6. There will be a public meeting in July to finalize the list of awardees.
- d. **LIBRARY SERVICES:** Claudia Locke, Manager for the Branch Library reported that they offer a variety of services and programs for the community such as a homework program that is available in the afternoons, three different age-appropriate story-time sessions after school, and they are home to the Family Literacy program. They have a computer lab with 12 computers for the public and 3 computers for the little kids ~~starting tomorrow~~ **continuing**. In addition, they offer regular library services. September thru February, several classes from Oak View Elementary use the facilities, but now that the school and their library are re-opened, the kids will enjoy their own library, however, they now have City Library cards and can enjoy the amenities anytime. There is a ~~speed~~ **spring** reading program happening citywide, and on April 30 it is Children's Day put on by the Friends of the Library. This is a holiday in Mexico and the tradition has continued in the OV community. April 27 is a puppet show at Oak View.
- e. **POLICE:** No report available.
- f. **PUBLIC WORKS:** Doris Powell, Field Service Representative for the Refuge Division, followed up on some questions that have come in from the community. One inquire was regarding the refurbishing of Nichols Street. She checked with the Engineering Dept. They are waiting until after school is out, approximately July 4. They will only be improving the conditions within the public right-of-way, working with the school and businesses on Nichols Street regarding the

schedule. No contractor has been selected so a schedule has not been set. The other question was regarding the condition of street name signs throughout the community. The Signs and Marking division has been active in cleaning and removing graffiti, stickers and other impairments from the street signs since last year and are trying to keep a close eye on the situation. The Public Works management, including the Director, Engineers and other key personnel took a tour to check the street signs and infrastructure. They determine that signs will be replaced on an as-needed basis, so if you see one that is damaged, please report it to the City Yard. Because the department received CDBG funding for the OV community, there are always projects going on throughout the year. A water bill insert will be coming out announcing some upcoming events. There's a Fix-It clinic in conjunction with the Central Library. There are four compost workshops coming up through Shipley Nature Center. Check their website for information. Public Works night will be held downtown on May 17 where kids are encouraged to check out the equipment. There will also be games and giveaways. Council Liaison Delgleize asked for the phone number to the City Yard, which is 714-960-8861. She also asked about an app, GoRequest, and yes, issues can be reported through the app as well.

Slama reminded the audience that they can find the minutes for this meeting along with other meeting minutes and agendas on the City's webpage under Boards and Commissions, Oak View Task Force.

Rich Massi, Code Enforcement Supervisor commented that if someone wants to report an issue, such as a shredded tarp, they may go on to the City's website or call their front desk line at 714-375-5155.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
Location to be determined.