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OAK VIEW TASK FORCE Meeting Summary Notes

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 4:00PM
OAK VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Multipurpose Room
17241 Oak Lane
Huntington Beach, CA 926487

City Staff Liaison:

Chris Slama, Director, Community Services Dept.

Council Liaison:

Mayor Barbara Delgleize

City Department Attendees:

Kathy Schooley, Code Enforcement

Simone Slifman, Business Development

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chris Slama called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. reminding those in attendance of the meeting format. Slama called for public speakers.
2. **Public Speakers:**
Mary Urashima, Chair of Historic Wintersburg Task Force provided an update saying she was invited to be a guest at the US-Japanese Council Conference in Santa Clara. She was also invited as a guest to the Consulate of Japan's residence earlier in the month for a reception. Both were great networking opportunities to bring attention to the Historic Wintersburg site and possible future funding. The Historic Wintersburg Task Force held its annual event at the Newland House on November 2. There was a great turn out. On December 13 there was a screening of George Takai's Broadway film, ***Allegiance***. It was a sellout and a second screening was added. The film depicts what happened to the Japanese-Americans at Wintersburg – that they were removed and placed in concentration camps due to their Japanese heritage. ***Allegiance*** was screened around the country for one night only and was very impactful. 2017 will be an important year for the Task Force who on February 19 celebrates 75 year since President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which mandated the forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans. Ms. Urashima expects this event to be in the press both locally and nationally. She also discussed a Smithsonian event. For a full calendar of events, go to the www.historicwintersburg.blogspot.com.

Slama informed the meeting attendees that the meeting is being recorded for note taking and that speakers should please speak up. He also reminded the group that there is a 3 minute time limit per speaker.

Jorge Lopez made comments in Spanish, translated by Mr. Victor Valladares, who said that Mr. Lopez is there to demand that a committee be established to hear the input and necessities of the Oak View community. He would like a meeting in Spanish so that community members can be involved, and in respect of the Spanish speaking citizen in the community.

Marin Mavia made comments in Spanish, translated by Mr. Valladares. He said that she thanks everyone for coming; this is her first time participating in one of the Task Force meetings and she is proposing more signs – more stop signs and crosswalks (portions of the translation were inaudible). She voiced concerns of people that are double parked, making it hard to walk by. Ms. Marin went on to speak about the trash issue in the community saying that areas have already been identified where people are illegally dumping large items. One location is right in front of the school. [Rainbow] does pick up the large or bulky items, but large items are seen again the next day – it's a consistent pattern. Parking is a main issue. She would like to see parking enforced and cars ticketed. She said that there is enforcement on the front streets, but not in the allies. Mayor Delgleize clarified that Ms. Marin is saying that people are double parking in the allies. Ms. Marin stated that she is unable to pull out from her parking space because others double-park, blocking her in.

Victor Valladares from Oak View Comunidad spoke on a full-time Oak View Fair Housing inspector. Mr. Valladares said that on November 21, 2015, he spoke with Council Member Jill Hardy, who was Mayor at the time, and Council Member Delgleize about code enforcement issues, which have since improved, but he also discussed a fair housing inspector. Mr. Valladares would like to know how the buildings are prioritized. He feels that property owners are not keeping up repairs, causing buildings to become dilapidated, yet still requiring rents on time. He also feels that if there were a dedicated multi-family home inspector, these issues would be handled in a timelier manner. He is asking that the City look at the issue to see how it would best benefit the residents. Mr. Valladares also urges and demands that the City develop a community committee so that every section of the community is heard. Mr. Valladares said that there is a language barrier and he would like to have a Spanish speaking translator at the meetings. Additionally, he would like to see the meeting minutes published sooner.

Carol Hansen, Superintendent of the Oak View School District, is speaking regarding Measure R which brought in \$169 million in facility improvements. The District is thrilled with the community support received on this Measure. The District will continue to seek input from the community. Superintendent Hansen said that the District has settled litigation with Rainbow, who will now be forced to enclose the facility. This will help with the dust, noise and smell. Additionally, Superintendent Hansen stated that Rainbow will be building a \$4 million gym on the Oak View campus, and the district will keep the community informed about the process as it goes along. She further noted that there are some protections for the Wintersburg property included in the settlement. Superintendent Hansen concurs with Mr. Valladares that there should be Spanish

speaking translators at the meetings. She also said that the District would like to be a part of any future community meetings because the school is a major component of the community.

Jessica Escalante introduced herself as the new coordinator for the Oak View Family Resource Center. She looks forward to working together with everyone and serving the community.

Barbie Iman, with Mas Fuerte Scholarship Inc. and a member of Oak View Comunidad, congratulated the School District on their success in getting Rainbow fully enclosed. She feels that there are issues that go beyond the enclosure to be addressed, such as traffic, such as the diesel and dump truck coming and going in front of the school. Ms. Iman stated that she conducted a “self-survey”, claiming that in a two-hour period there were 168 diesel and dump trucks entering and exiting the facility. Ms. Iman went on to state that Rainbow entered into an agreement with the AQMD to fence-line testing for particle matter from the diesel truck. She said she obtained the results through a CPRA request and the numbers are elevated. Ms. Iman will be meeting with Erik Peterson to discuss re-routing the trucks off of Nichols and away from specific gates. She is asking support from the OVTF and the City Departments within the Task Force to help with this final step in eliminating the particles from the school. She feels that these issues need to be addressed during the adjustments to the facility.

Lorena Ortega said she is here to address two things on behalf of the community. She asked if the event going on outside of the meeting was scheduled first or the Task Force meeting. She would like the Oak View Collaborative and other community organizations to coordinate event dates so that they don't step on each other and the community can attend. She also spoke on the need for a multi-family housing inspector. Ms. Ortega asked if the OVTF can take the request forward to the City.

3. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

- a. Mayor Delgleize said she is looking forward to the New Year and creating solutions to the issues addressed. She asked Officer Schooley about the status of hiring a new code enforcement officer, who said that the position has been posted and applications are being taken for a Spanish-speaking Code Enforcement Officer. The Mayor is looking forward to hearing the community's thoughts and ideas so that the City can work toward solutions.

4. CITY STAFF REPORTS:

- a. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Code Enforcement Officer Kathy Schooley said she has received several code enforcement calls over the past six weeks. She has been working with the property owners. She said that if anyone knows of any code violations, they should let her know. Schooley has received more complaints about trash and debris in the area. She has contacted a couple of the owners to put them on final notice that if they don't keep the trash picked up they will be sited. Schooley has contacted Public Works because she has noticed a build up in the allies. Mayor Delgleize asked Schooley to clarify the trash issue. Schooley said it's overflowing. The Mayor went on to ask if a solution would be to have more frequent pickups. Schooley answered that it is in some cases.

- b. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Chris Slama said that he has heard the requests for accommodations for the meetings and he will be working on them.

 - c. **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** Simone Slifman from Business Development said the Department oversees CDBG funding year to year, but the application process begins in February. Applications for the 2017-18 funding year open on December 19 and are accepted through February 10, 2018. Applications will be available on the website along with application handbooks. Please call 714.536.5582 for questions. The Office of Business Development along with Code Enforcement and their partner, Fair Housing Dept., are holding a tenants rights workshop for January 18, and will be held in Spanish. Mailings will be going out at the end of the month or in the beginning of January.

 - d. **LIBRARY SERVICES:** Claudia Locke with the Library Services provided a report that homework club has about 162 students participating. They have a holiday event coming up and have been adopted by a former family, who now lives in Garden Grove. Locke reported on some other holiday programs, including a partnership with the Family Literacy program, which was well attended. She said that the Library Services are there for the community and if anyone is interested in starting a class, please let her know. She reiterated that the Library Services are not only for the children, but the adult members of the community as well. Locke announced that the Oak View Branch Library has been awarded a certificate as a sustainable business for their green practices.

 - e. **POLICE:** No report Available.

 - f. **PUBLIC WORKS:** No report available.
5. **ADJOURNMENT:** Slama announced the next meeting and informed all in attendance that the OVTF meets quarterly in March, June, Sept. and December. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
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