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OAK VIEW TASK FORCE Meeting Summary Notes

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

City Staff Liaison:

Janeen Laudenback, Director, Community Services Dept.

Council Liaison:

Barbara Delgleize, Council Member

City Department Attendees:

Charlene Gomez, Community Services

Kathy Schooley, Code Enforcement

Simone Slifman, Business Development

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Janeen Laudenback called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Laudenback informed the Task Force that she is filling in for Chris Slama, who was unable to attend and stated that she use to be the Community Services staff liaison for the OVTF. Laudenback called for public speakers.

2. **Public Speakers:**

Spencer Hagaman, Ocean View High School ASB Vice President, said his goal is to get more involved in the Ocean View community since it's the main feeder of students to OVHS. The new turf field is opening tomorrow with play beginning immediately. Mr. Hagaman displayed a sample t-shirt for the Pink Out Game. Pink out is a fundraiser. The game is Thursday, Sept. 22, and t-shirts are \$10.

Victor Valladares spoke on the stop signs being installed by Public Works. The residents have been asking about a "T" intersection at Koledo Lane and Barton Drive. Mr. Valladares feels that most T intersections have a stop sign or a cross walk, but this one does not. He also voiced concern about illegal parking on sidewalks as a potential hazard to the children and adults trying to cross the street in this area. Although there is a parking issue in the community, he feels that red curbs are necessary for safety. Additionally, Mr. Valladares spoke regarding undersized trash bins. He worked with

Jerry Moffatt from Rainbow Disposal to identify 42 undersized bins in the Oak View area for multi-resident units. This causes a trash issue within the community. Mr. Valladares states he has been to City Council meetings and spoken with City officials regarding this issue, but nothing has been done to rectify the situation. Mr. Valladares also thanked Code Enforcement Officer, Schooley for her efforts and taking a proactive approach to code enforcement issues. He is in receipt of the emails she provided regarding violations.

Mary Urashima, Historic Wintersburg Preservation Task Force, said she is pleased with the discussions with Republic Services about the long term approach to preservation on the property as a historic site. The Task Force brought in a landscaper, who performed over \$10,000 worth of tree trimming at no cost to Republic. She gave details of the trimming saying that it's a stabilization process so that the branches are not leaning or touching the structures, which most are over 100 years old. Additional clean up and trash pickup has been performed within the site. There has been collaboration with Republic and Public Works on street maintenance/grading on Nichols. She gave details of some of the work performed and the new trees that are being planted stating that Task Force members acted as volunteer cultural managers because it is a historic site. Ms. Urashima reported on some artifact findings, including "monster snails" shells from when the property was a goldfish farm. She brought examples for viewing. Yesterday along with Republic Services and a nationally recognized historical architect, they were able to inspect each of the six buildings on the property. She discussed stabilization measures and the process of cleaning up as they work towards preservation of each of the buildings. Ms. Urashima said the Task Force is excited at the progress towards making the site a heritage park and saving an important piece of American history.

Virginia Clara, Oak View Renewal Partnership, spoke regarding the success of the back to school program held on August 27 in partnership with local churches. They donated 750 backpacks to over 350 families. Families are asked to donate up to \$10 as a give-back, which is in turn donated to a local organization. A potential recipient of the funds is the future teen center that is being built.

3. **MEETING SUMMARY REVIEW:** Laudenback called for approval of the September June 16, 2016 meeting summary notes. Slifman motioned to approve and Schooley seconded.
4. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:**
 - a. No report available.
5. **CITY STAFF REPORTS:**
 - a. **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Code Enforcement – Schooley is happy to report that tenants have been calling for fair housing inspections. Victor Valladares asked from the audience about any language barriers. Schooley responded that she takes a staff person with her who speaks Spanish, and although some of tenants feel more comfortable speaking in Spanish, some also speak English, and she has not experienced any issues. Mr. Valladares asked if she has been providing pamphlets on fair housing so that they know they are protected against landlord retaliation, and Schooley said yes. Mr. Valladares went on to give examples of

what is happening to some residents that are making reports, saying that he is tasked with finding pro bono legal assistance to help residents. Slifman asked if Fair Housing Foundation has providing any assistance after the meeting that Business Development arranged. Discussion continued. Slifman said she will get with Valladares on Monday and assist him with this issue.

Laudenback asked that for the sake of the meeting that the agenda be followed, and if anyone has questions or needs assistance, wait until after the meeting and staff will be able to meet with them.

Schooley continued her report. She said that Oak View Renewal and Code Enforcement will be setting up tenant's rights workshops. Laudenback asked if Schooley could speak about the trash containers for anyone interested and the City's role. Schooley said that it's more of a Public Works topic but in speaking with Doris Powell, she feels that the topic is being addressed. There was discussion on the amount of dumpsters a location can have, how often it can be dumped and at what cost. Slifman asked Schooley if the property owners can be cited for not providing adequate service. Schooley said that she can cite for the debris on the ground and the furniture that is left in the dumpster areas, but doesn't know if Public Works can issue citations. Laudenback said that it will be staff's homework to research the City's policies and codes.

- b. **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** Janeen Laudenback gave the report for Community Services, saying it's a pleasure to work with the Office of Business Development on CDGB process. The Community Services Dept. oversees the contract with the Children's Bureau, who operates the Resource Center. The Community Services grant is for the Boys & Girls Club program. She gave an overview on what the grant provides.
- c. **BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT:** Simone Slifman from Business Development said they provide CDBG funds for several programs that affect the Oak View area including the Literacy Program, Oak View Community Center, and they pay for Code Enforcement officers in all of the CDBG areas, along with Fair Housing Foundation for all residents of Huntington Beach, and she stated that is the reason for her interest in the trash bin situation. She reiterated that she will follow up with Mr. Valladares and with Barbara from the Fair Housing Foundation on the issue addressed by Mr. Valladares.
- d. **LIBRARY SERVICES:** Claudia Locke with the Library Services provided a report in her absence, which was read by Laudenback.
- e. **POLICE:** No report Available.

- f. **PUBLIC WORKS:** No report available.

Laudenback mentioned that although the agenda format doesn't provide for questions from the public, it may in the future. She said that staff will be on hand for a few minutes after the meeting for any questions.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
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