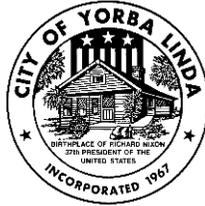

CITY OF YORBA LINDA



Land of Gracious Living

CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING MINUTES

STUDY SESSION

JUNE 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

The City Council and Planning Commission convened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, located at 4845 Casa Loma Avenue, Yorba Linda.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agency Members: Anderson, Horton, Rikel, Schwing, Winder

Planning Commission Members: Abramowitz, Equitz, Lyons, Pickel, Wohlt

Staff Members: Brantley, Brown, Harris, Kelly, Raymond

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schwing

REPORT, DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE TOWN CENTER SPECIFIC PLAN AND RELATED LAND USE ISSUES

Community Development Director Steven Harris gave a brief overview of the Town Center Specific Plan process. Eric Justison, RRM Design Group, gave a power point presentation briefly describing the legal requirements of a specific plan and the specific planning process. He also presented an outline of the opportunities and constraints of the Town Center area and illustrated three concept land use plans and responded to questions from Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – ON THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Louie Scull, resident, said notice of this meeting was not given to Town Center property owners and stated that Council was there to listen to the public.

Dr. Jerry Amarie, resident, stated he restored an historical building several years ago and is concerned about historical properties being relocated as shown in Concepts 2 and 3.

Eve Tibbs, resident, indicated the purpose of this meeting is to brainstorm ideas and verified that the different concepts can be moved around.

Pat Nelson, resident, said that money should be the primary consideration in relocating city hall and the library. She likes the idea of a row of homes along Main Street and having connectivity but prefers walkways instead of streets cutting through the middle of Town Center.

Tom Lynch, resident, advised not getting too rigid with the specific plan, suggested looking at the economics of each plan, and said the market will set the direction.

Greg Shultz, resident, is in favor of a combination of Concepts 2 and 3. He feels that relocating the fire department is a good idea to allow for better egress and a larger, more updated facility. He also suggests that the conceptual plans be reproduced and put on the website.

Ed Rakochy, resident, commented that the public should provide feedback. He suggested staying away from site specifics for now and developing ideas so that in a couple of months there is something more concrete and we can then move forward.

Sherry Hanson, resident, likes the core idea with the public areas like the arts center, library, restaurants and a parking structure. Along with the paths for connectivity, she predicts it will be very viable and good for Yorba Linda.

Claudine Lynch, resident, observed that relocating and combining city hall and the library is a good idea but questioned the funding of such a project. She disagreed with building a bridge over Imperial Highway and building multi-family housing and likes the idea of outdoor dining.

Gabriella Rollins, resident, favors Concept 3 as closest to the ideal situation for an arts center. She suggested there be less parking and streets around the proposed arts center to provide the needed space and to create a charming and pleasant atmosphere. She also suggested that there be no housing around the center as it is detrimental to public use space.

Julia Lawson, resident, said a 52,000 square foot facility is needed for the proposed arts center. She recommended that the consultant review the presentation given by the Yorba Linda Arts Alliance at the May 5th City Council meeting.

John Kane, Urban Crossroads, spoke about traffic access issues and street connections.

The City Council/RDA convened into Closed Session at 9:23 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Government Code Section 54957
Title: City Manager

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Schwing adjourned the meeting at 11:00 pm to a Special meeting on June 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center to discuss the 2009-2010 Budget.

The next regular City Council/Redevelopment Agency Joint Meeting is June 16, 2009.

Marcia Brown, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED BY COUNCIL/RDA:
