

REGULAR MEETING OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

APRIL 12, 2004

The Redevelopment Agency of the City of Costa Mesa, California met in a regular meeting on April 12, 2004, in Conference Room 1A of City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chairperson Steel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Agency Member Monahan.

ROLL CALL

Agency Members Present: Chairperson Steel
Vice-Chairperson Mansoor
Agency Member Monahan
Agency Member Cowan
Agency Member Scheafer

Officials Present: Executive Director Lamm
Agency Attorney Wood
Planning & Redevelopment Mgr. Robinson
Neighborhood Improvement Mgr. Ullman
Executive Secretary Rosales

POSTING

The Redevelopment Agency meeting agenda was posted at the City Council Chambers, Headquarters Police Department, Postal Office and Mesa Verde Public Library on Thursday, April 8, 2004.

MINUTES

On a motion by Agency Member Monahan, seconded by Agency Member Scheafer and carried 4-0, Agency Member Cowan abstained because she was not present at the March meeting, the minutes of March 8, 2004, were approved

OLD BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Agreement and Amendment to Inclusionary Housing Plan for 1901 Newport Plaza

Executive Director Lamm reported that Old Business Items No. 1 and 2 pertaining to the affordable housing development agreement between Rutter Development and the Redevelopment Agency had been continued to April 12, 2004 for the Agency's consideration. However, because no agreement had been reached as of yet and the developer had failed to respond in a fashion allowing finalization of staff reports, he was recommending that both items be continued to the May 10, 2004 Redevelopment meeting.

MOTION Approved Carried

On a motion by Agency Member Monahan, seconded by Agency Member Scheafer, and carried 5-0, Old Business Items No. 1 and 2 were continued to the May 10, 2004 Redevelopment meeting.

Appointment of Redevelopment and Residential Rehabilitation (3R) Committee Members

Neighborhood Improvement Manager Ullman gave a summary of the 3R Committee. She also reported that, per the Agency's request in January, the City Attorney's office had prepared a legal opinion regarding a 3R Committee member serving on a Commission and that said opinion, had indicated that it was legal to serve on both boards because they were advisory and had no sovereign power. Regarding the Agency's request for commitments from full members Crissy Brooks and Marie Gilliam, Ms. Ullman reported that Ms. Brooks had responded affirmatively but that Ms. Gilliam had resigned from her position, leaving a one full member vacancy. Eligible alternates were Ms. Bieber, Mr. Millard and Mr. Eric; however, as Ms. Bieber resigned in March, Mr. Eric was moved up to full member, leaving two alternate positions vacant. She also mentioned that in April 2004, the City Manager's Office conducted a recruitment for all committees. Four interest forms and resumes from two previous applicants, McQueen and Penn, were included with the staff report.

Agency Member Monahan asked Neighborhood Improvement Manager Ullman if the two previous applicants had been contacted, and she confirmed that the two applicants had, in deed, been contacted.

MOTION Agency Member Mansoor made a motion that candidates McGlinchey and Kennedy be approved as alternates. Chairperson Steel seconded the motion.

Agency Member Cowan stated that because the Agency had not met with the 3R Committee as a group, she wanted the opportunity of interviewing each applicant before appointing anyone.

Chairperson Steel asked Agency Member Cowan if she wanted to interview both nominees. Agency Member Cowan responded that she preferred interviewing all of the candidates prior to voting.

Agency Member Monahan asked Neighborhood Improvement Manager Ullman if there was a time frame. Ms. Ullman stated the 3R Committee had plenty of members, therefore, there was no strict time frame.

Agency Member Monahan supported the motion, but said he did not think it was necessary to have formal interviews in front of the Agency. He further stated that he was in favor of a continuance in order to give Agency members the opportunity of interviewing applicants, but stood firm on his position regarding Commission appointments being conducted individually and not in front of the Agency.

Chairperson Steel said that because alternates were being considered, he would most likely not support the motion, but stated that Agency Member Cowan had a good point in that alternates being considered for move up as full members should be given further review.

Agency Member Cowan stated that the process of appointment did not allow interviews before moving up to full member, because the interview process begins with placement as an alternate.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION Approved Carried On a substitute motion by Agency Member Cowan, seconded by Agency Member Scheafer and carried 4-1, Agency Member Mansoor voted no, the 3R Committee item was continued to the May 10, 2004 Redevelopment meeting.

NEW BUSINESS None.

REPORTS None.

WARRANT RESOLUTION CMRA-322 On a motion by Agency Member Monahan, seconded by Chairperson Steel, and carried 5-0, Warrants Resolution CMRA-322 was approved.

ORAL COMMUNICATION None.

AGENCY MEMBERS COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS Agency Member Monahan mentioned that the former Sfuzzi's site at Triangle Square, and a second restaurant at 1901 Newport were advertising for all positions, and both would be opening soon. He wished them the best of luck, and good business in the future.

Agency Member Scheafer reported that the Sanitary District had purchased a building on 19th Street for permanent residence.

ADJOURN There being no further business for discussion, Chairperson Steel adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.