

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF FONTANA
ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

A. 6:00 P.M. - Call the Meeting To Order - City Hall Development Services Building-Development Advisory Board (DAB) Conference Room

A Joint Workshop Meeting of the Fontana City Council and Parks and Community Services Commission was held on Thursday, November 19, 2015, in the Fontana Development Services Building, Development Advisory Board (DAB) Conference Room, located at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California. Mayor Warren called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mayor Warren, Mayor Pro Tem Tahan and Council Members Roberts and Sandoval. Council Member Salazar-Wibert arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Parks and Community Services Commissioners Espinoza, Pastor Casey, Coleman and Vaquera. Commissioner Goni arrived at 6:08 p.m. and Commissioner Bravo arrived at 6:17 p.m. Absent: Commissioner Tigner.

Other Attendees:

City Clerk Tonia Lewis, City Manager Ken Hunt, Deputy City Manager Debbie Brazill, Deputy City Manager David Edgar, Deputy City Clerk Cecilia Lopez-Henderson, Community Development Director James Troyer, Community Services Director Garth Nelson and Administrative Clerk Gerardo Rojas.

B. Public Communications

There were no Public Communications received.

C. Discussion

Director of Community Development James Troyer introduced Planning Intern Alex Ricco and Planning Intern Ngozi Udeh. Mr. Troyer presented the General Plan Update Power Point entitled "Fontana Today and Tomorrow."

Commissioner Casey asked how will non profit groups be accounted for.

Community Development Director Troyer stated that non profit groups would be included in the City's outreach efforts for the General Plan update.

Commissioner Casey asked how were churches being accommodated, as some churches were finding it difficult to relocate to the City.

Mr. Troyer stated that churches would be included in the City's outreach efforts.

Commissioner Casey asked when the Open House would be held.

Mr. Troyer stated that five Open Houses would be held in December 2015 and topical workshops would be held starting in January 2016.

Mayor Warren stated that there were a lot of churches that were renting facilities from other churches. Mayor Warren stated that there has been interest in the use of industrial warehouses because of the need for parking, and asked whether those facilities could be looked at. Mayor Warren added that it was important to maintain people's places of worship and it was not cost effective to build a new facility.

Discussion ensued regarding land use to accommodate places of worship.

Council Member Sandoval inquired about the Open House dates of December 7, 8 and 9, 2015 and how did staff arrive at the dates, because December 8th was a City Council meeting and December 9th was a Fontana School Board meeting.

Mr. Troyer explained that December 8, 2015 was scheduled for the unincorporated area in Fontana's sphere of influence, and added that staff had worked with the County staff to set a date.

Discussion ensued regarding consideration of open house dates that did not conflict with scheduled meetings.

Deputy City Manager Debbie Brazill stated that if residents could not attend that night there would be other meeting dates that would be scheduled.

Council Member Sandoval stated that staff needed to make sure that future open house dates did not conflict with City Council meetings or School District meetings.

Parks and Community Services Chairperson Patty Espinoza stated that she hoped to reach out to all the people that Pastor Casey had mentioned and asked that the Park Commissioners assist in spreading the word concerning the General Plan meetings.

Mayor Warren emphasized that more people in the community needed to be involved and encouraged everyone to take a copy of the handout and share it with neighbors and to place it on their Instagrams.

Commissioner Goni asked whether the City was looking into the use of hybrid cars in the community.

Mr. Troyer stated that a General Plan workshop on a sustainability program would be scheduled.

Commissioner Goni asked where the hybrid cars would be located, such as, shopping centers, parks, etc. Mr. Troyer stated that as many places as possible.

Commissioner Casey asked what was staff hoping to accomplish at the outreach meetings.

Mr. Troyer stated that staff was trying to obtain as much information as possible from residents about issues in their immediate area, and how they would like them addressed.

Commissioner Quiroga asked whether the handouts were on the City's website.

Mr. Troyer stated that the handouts and other information regarding the General Plan update would be found at www.FontanaForward.com.

Mayor Warren referred to the "MySidewalk" application that is on the City's website and stated that it was very helpful.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach information, information on the City's website, and email notification lists.

Mayor Warren stated that the survey that was taken showed that people were happy, so they have tendency not to show up at meetings.

Commissioner Goni stated that the majority of people who needed to get involved were the people with children.

Mr. Troyer stated that 30,000 flyers were sent to the schools in the Fontana Unified School District and Etiwanda School District for distribution to the students.

Commissioner Coleman stated that the 10-minute idea for the meetings was great. People could come in for 10-minutes to provide their input.

Council Member Sandoval stated that about 50,000 people commute from outside of Fontana, and asked what was the average time that people were home. Mr. Sandoval added that for someone who got off work at 5 p.m. and then drove for an hour and arrived home at 6 p.m., the meeting time was not convenient. He recommended that later meeting times be considered.

Discussion ensued regarding the meeting time for the General Plan meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that locations for churches needed to be looked at and certain criteria, such as, major streets, etc., needed to be considered. Mr. Tahan asked whether the locations would be shown in the General Plan.

Mr. Troyer stated that parking and zoning would be evaluated.

Ms. Brazill stated that staff would look into it and explore locations for churches. She added that churches were allowed in every zone.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that focus was needed on how many parks were needed, how much industrial was needed, and for the industrial on the south end of the City, was very concerned about getting the jobs.

Mr. Troyer stated that 800 people were surveyed by telephone to obtain information on the community.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan asked what type of jobs were needed or were the jobs defined.

Mr. Troyer stated that more office-white collar jobs were needed but the question is what is the market.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan stated that 2,500 people were on the email notification list, and inquired whether people that were on the parks and program activity lists were included in the General Plan email notification.

Discussion ensued regarding email notification list to be used for outreach purposes.

Commissioner Quiroga stated that he did not see any young people attend the first General Plan meeting that was held at the Senior Center.

Further discussion ensued regarding General Plan meeting outreach efforts.

Mayor Warren added that the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) would be very involved.

Commissioner Quiroga asked about truck stops and whether anything could be done.

Commissioner Casey stated that with emerging trends it was critical that communication with the schools be maintained.

Mayor Warren stated that designated representatives from school districts were involved, so that the issues could be tied to jobs.

Chair Espinoza stated that they were working very hard to get the word out. Mr. Troyer thanked Commissioner Espinoza for doing a great job as Co-Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC).

Mayor Warren stated that the Commissioners and Council Members were ambassadors for spreading the word about the General Plan update.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert asked whether there was only one survey.

Mr. Troyer stated that that one statistical survey was done. Discussion ensued regarding the survey.

Council Member Salazar-Wibert asked about reaching out to people who were not responding to the survey.

Mr. Troyer stated that another survey could be done by mail.

Commissioner Bravo inquired about the survey results that were posted online and whether the results were from the 800 residents that were surveyed.

Mr. Troyer stated that the results were from a phone survey of 800 residents.

Commissioner Bravo inquired about the surveys that were obtained from the General Plan meeting that was held at the Senior Center.

Mr. Troyer stated that the comments from the workshop were important, but did not want to bundle them with the statistical survey.

Commissioner Bravo stated that it was important to consider that some of the youth, who were college age, are the people who were going to be the next generation of Fontana residents. Mr. Bravo inquired about the established plan for outreach.

Mr. Troyer stated that the plan was to do an outreach with all sectors in the community.

Commissioner Coleman inquired if 29 years was the average age, was there some place to go in Fontana for that age group.

Commissioner Coleman also inquired about the survey that was done by the Community Services Department.

Community Services Director Garth Nelson stated that the survey was for community services' programs that impacted the residents.

Commissioner Goni asked how many questions had been asked in the survey.

Mr. Troyer stated that 10 questions had been asked but was working on questions for the other survey. He clarified that the General Plan was on land use and was not going to talk about services.

Commissioner Goni spoke about attracting jobs and stated that if the survey was more specific, the question about what type of jobs were wanted could be asked.

Discussion ensued regarding the market for jobs.

City Manager Hunt summarized the purpose of the General Plan, zoning that was needed for office space, the market for jobs, and when people say what type of jobs were needed, they were really saying how much money they wanted to make.

Mayor Warren stated that the General Plan update is a three-year project and meetings had been scheduled but this was just the beginning. Mayor Warren added that the survey was a benchmark and a beginning point and encouraged everyone to attend the GPAC meetings.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan requested a copy of the 10 questions that were in the survey. Mr. Troyer stated that the questions can be provided.

Mayor Pro Tem Tahan inquired about the demographics of the 800 people that were surveyed. Discussion ensued regarding the results of the survey.

Council Member Sandoval asked whether staff had reached out to the Colton and Rialto School Districts. He added that they needed to be included along with Fontana Unified and Etiwanda School District and Chaffey College.

Discussion ensued regarding outreach activities and meetings.

Chair Espinoza stated that the GPAC was planning a program with the After School Program and those children would be taking information home.

In closing, Mr. Troyer announced that the adoption of the General Plan was expected in the spring of 2017.

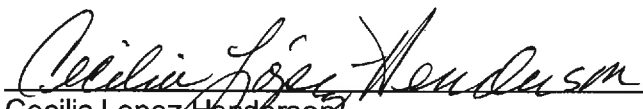
Mayor Warren stated that Community Development Director Troyer and his staff were available to answer questions, and strongly encouraged everyone to check the City website for information concerning the General Plan update and referred everyone to the MySidewalk application at www.FontanaForward.com.

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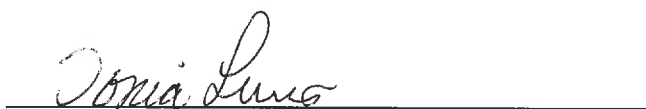
There were no communications or reports received from the Elected Officials or Parks and Community Services Commissioners.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Joint Meeting of the Fontana City Council and Parks and Community Services Commission was adjourned at 7:25 p.m., to the next Regular City Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2015, with a workshop at 5:30 p.m. and the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Grover W. Taylor Council Chambers at 8353 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.


Cecilia Lopez Henderson
Deputy City Clerk

**THE FOREGOING MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
ON THE 12TH DAY OF APRIL 2016.**


Tonia Lewis
City Clerk