



MINUTES

CARSON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / CITY COUNCIL, PLANNING COMMISSION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ADJOURNED REGULAR JOINT MEETING WITH THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

**JULY 25, 2011
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA POSTED: JULY 21, 2011

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CALL TO ORDER: The adjourned regular joint meeting of the City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission and the special meeting of the Public Works Commission were called to order at 6:20 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear in the Carson Dominguez Room, Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald Community Center, located at 801 E. Carson Street, Carson, California 90745.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk/Agency Secretary Kawagoe noted the following:

Council/Agency Members Present: Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear and Council/Agency Member Elito Santarina

Council/Agency Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Chairman Pro Tem Julie Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency Member Lula Davis-Holmes, and Council/Agency Member Mike Gipson

Planning Commission (No quorum present):

Commissioners Present: Diaz, Park, and Schaefer

Commissioners Absent: Brimmer, Faletogo, Goolsby, Gordon, Saenz, and Verrett

Economic Development Commission (No quorum present):
Commissioners Present: Aldridge, Childers, Cinco, Hoyos, and Pandolfo
Commissioners Absent: Adams, Dobard, Love, Neil, Phillips, and Raber

Public Works Commission (Quorum present):
Commissioners Present: Harris, Johnson, Thompson, and Tingson
Commissioners Absent: Fa'avae

Other Elected Officials Present: Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

Other Elected Officials Absent: Karen Avilla, City/Agency Treasurer

Also Present: Clifford Graves, Interim City Manager/Interim
Executive Director, and staff:

Farrokh Abolfathi, Principal Civil Engineer;
McKina Alexander, Planning Technician I;
Denise Bothe, Planning Secretary; Richard
Garland; Traffic Engineer; Denise Marrufo,
Business Development Analyst; Sheri Repp-
Loadsman; Planning Officer; Reata Kulcsar,
Senior Engineering Technician; Gregory
MacDonald, Public Works Maintenance Tree
Supervisor; Saied Nasseh, Senior Planner;
Margie Revilla-Garcia, Public Information
Analyst; John Signo, Senior Planner; and
Wanda Higaki, Chief Deputy City Clerk/Chief
Deputy Agency Secretary

RECESS:

Due to lack of a quorum, the City Council and Redevelopment Agency were
Recessed at 6:22 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear and continued in an informal
session.

(Council/Agency Member Santarina was excused at 6:22 P.M. and exited the
meeting.)

Due to lack of a quorum, the Planning Commission was Recessed at 6:22 P.M. by
Acting Chairman Park and continued in an informal session.

Due to lack of a quorum, the Economic Development Commission was Recessed at
6:22 P.M. by Vice Chairman Aldridge and continued in an informal session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (This item was not addressed.)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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JOINT WORKSHOP (Item 1)

ITEM NO. (1) JOINT WORKSHOP: CONSIDER PRELIMINARY IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR THE CARSON STREET CORRIDOR AND THREE DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

Planning Officer Repp-Loadsman summarized the staff report and recommendation.

Senior Planner Naaseh narrated a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following:

- Carson Street Corridor
- Transformation of the Corridor
- Vacant Agency Properties
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Carson Street Master Plan Vision
- Mission for the Project

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council/Redevelopment Agency, Planning Commission, Public Works Commission, and Economic Development Commission:

TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. CONDUCT the joint workshop.
2. VOTE for preferred design alternatives recommended by Gruen Associates.
3. PROVIDE additional input on the proposed improvements for Carson Street including, but not limited to, scheduling and identification of funding for construction of the improvements.

ACTION: During the informal session, representatives from Gruen and Associates narrated a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the following:

- Carson Street Master Plan: Implementation of Public Improvements
- Existing Conditions
- Existing Identity
- Monument Signs and Landmarks
- Concepts 1, 2, and 3

- Site Amenities
- Street trees
- Plant Palette

Traffic Engineer Garland discussed the following:

- Traffic lanes
- Medians
- Accessibility to property

During a question-and-answer period, the following items were discussed: 1) to include native plants and 2) to create a fluid look for the monument signs.

At 7:37 P.M., those present voted on their preferences and at 8:02 P.M., Planning Officer Repp-Loadsman announced the voting results as follows:

- Design Alternative Nos. 1 and 2 received tie votes
- Design Alternative No. 3 was out

General comments were expressed from those who voted for and against Design Alternative Nos. 1 and 2.

Representatives from Gruen Associates discussed design concepts for freeway crossings.

Mayor/Chairman Dear discussed visibility for the Sculpture Garden.

Senior Planner Naaseh summarized why this project was started and reported that the next steps were to take the design alternatives to the community and businesses for a multi-faceted approach to improve Carson Street and share the preferred plans and present the information to the City Council.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Planning Commission, and Economic Development Commission Only) (None)

RECONVENE AND ADJOURNMENT:

The City Council, Redevelopment Agency, Planning Commission, Economic Development Commission were Reconvened and Adjourned with the Public Works Commission at 8:25 P.M. by Mayor/Chairman Dear, with all members previously noted present except as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency Member Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, Council/Agency Member Santarina;

Planning Commissioners Brimmer, Faletogo, Goolsby, Gordon, Saenz, and Verrett;

Economic Development Commissioners Adams, Dobard, Love, Neil, Phillips, and Raber; and

Public Works Commissioner Fa'avae

Mayor/Chairman Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Agency Secretary Helen Kawagoe