

**SAN FERNANDO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES**

**April 20, 2009 – 6:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chamber
117 Macneil Street
San Fernando, CA 91340

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Steven Veres called the meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Present:

Agency: Chair Steven Veres, Vice-Chair Mario F. Hernández, and Members Ernesto Rubio Hernández, Maribel De La Torre, and Nury Martinez

Staff: Executive Director José E. Pulido, Agency Counsel Michael Estrada, and Secretary Elena G. Chávez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Member De La Torre, seconded by Member Martinez, to approve the agenda. By consensus, the motion carried.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL

Brenda Esqueda asked that Members listen to the residents and not approve the charter school.

Alex Reza, former San Fernando High School teacher, supports granting the occupancy permit for the charter school.

Ricardo Accorsi, architect, reported that he and the applicant were available to answer questions regarding Item No. 3.

Ronald Love, representing the church, said that the property was purchased for the purpose of a school and believes it would be good for the community.

Ralph Arriola said he is neither for nor against but believes there are too many unanswered questions regarding how the charter school will affect the community.

Julie Cuellar said that she is not against the school but is concerned about the location and many unanswered questions (i.e., no cafeteria).

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Adriana Gomez believes that the site is inadequate to house a school and reminded everyone about the former PUC school that was vacated and has now become blight in that neighborhood.

Jose Torres, Torres Development Group, charter school applicant, said they have incorporated and addressed concerns in their plans and they strongly believe that the project will benefit the children.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Member Martinez, seconded by Member De la Torre, to approve the following Consent Calendar items:

- 1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF:
 - a) JANUARY 20, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
 - b) MARCH 2, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
 - c) APRIL 6, 2009 – REGULAR MEETING
- 2) APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 1032 TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR REDEVELOPMENT EXPENSES
- 3) SITE PLAN REVIEW 2009-03: PROPOSED ADDITION AND REHABILITATION TO COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 301-311 SOUTH MACLAY AVENUE

By consensus, the motion carried.

CONTINUED BUSINESS

- 4) SITE PLAN REVIEW 2008-25: PROPOSED ADDITION AND IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL BUILDING AND SITE AT 1218 FOURTH STREET

Agency Counsel Estrada reported both Members De La Torre and Vice-Chair M. Hernandez have potential conflicts due to the proximity of their properties to the school.

Member Martinez said there were several issues which she deemed as potential conflicts and for those reasons, she recused herself from voting on this item.

Mr. Estrada reported there are three bodies of law pertaining to conflicts of interest and the general advice given to Members is that it is up to them to determine whatever high standards they deem appropriate and may recuse themselves. For that reason, there is no quorum.

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He reported that the Redevelopment Plan provides that the site plan review be conducted by the Executive Director and it appears that is the only avenue left (Mr. Pulido will review the matter and act upon it).

AGENCY DISCUSSION None

STAFF COMMUNICATION None

ADJOURNMENT (6:38 P.M.)

By consensus, the meeting was adjourned.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of April 20, 2009 meeting as approved by the San Fernando Redevelopment Agency.

Elena G. Chávez
Secretary