

MINUTES

OF THE

SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION  
PARKING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
SACRAMENTO CITY FINANCING AUTHORITY

REGULAR MEETING

November 25, 1997

CALL TO ORDER By Mayor Serna at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL all present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Serna

9.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

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10.0 PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 10.1 Resolution of Necessity for acquisition of real property or real property interests for the Arden-Garden Connector Project, located at Arden Way and its extension between Del Paso Boulevard and the Garden Highway westerly of Northgate Boulevard. (JN:TA84) (requires two-thirds vote) (D-1,2)

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Councilmember Fargo announced a conflict of interest regarding this item, registered an abstention, and left the meeting.

When it became apparent that the item would be quickly approved without discussion, Assistant City Attorney Carnazzo requested staff to present the report, in the event of future litigation.

Dee Lewis, Systems and Quality Specialist, Public Works, Technical Services Division, presented the report.

The Arden Garden Connector is the City Council's No.1 priority transportation project. Among its many benefits, it will improve traffic circulation, improve emergency access to and from South Natomas and North Sacramento, reduce existing congestion on El Camino/West El Camino Avenues and stimulate business activity and economic revitalization. Because of its significance, the California Transportation Commission approved a \$10 million construction grant for the project on May 1, 1996.

Phase 2 of the project will complete construction of a four-lane roadway with bike lanes and a median from Garden Highway, approximately 1700 feet west of Northgate Boulevard, to Arden Way and Del Paso Boulevard. Phase I of the project from Colfax Street to Del Paso Boulevard was recently completed.

David Mohlenbrok, Associate Planner, Environmental Affairs, continued the presentation. He advised that the consulting firm of Kittleson & Associates, Inc. prepared a Traffic Impact Study for the Arden Garden Connector Project in January, 1995. Several alternative alignments were

studied, which formed the basis for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), dated October 1995. The DEIR concluded that the top of the levee alignment is the most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury.

On June 18, 1996, City Council approved Resolution 96-310 certifying the EIR and Adoption of the Preferred Alignment of the Arden Garden Connector Project. The Top of the Levee Alignment was selected as the preferred alignment and was supported as the least intrusive, most cost-effective and environmentally sound alternative.

Julie Cline, Real Property Agent, continued the presentation, advising that the purpose of this hearing is to receive public testimony and take action on the Resolution of Necessity to acquire certain real property or interests in real property required for construction of the Arden Garden Connector. Offers have been made to all 22 property owners affected by the project; 10 remain unsigned at this time. To ensure that the property acquisition process does not delay the project schedule, the Resolution of Necessity is necessary to initiate eminent domain procedures. Staff will continue to make every effort to reach agreement with the property owners.

Councilmember Kerth commented that this was a project which was discussed in North Sacramento prior to his birth; it was gratifying to see that it was now being done. Mr. Kerth believed it would open new areas for economic growth in North Sacramento.

A motion was made by Councilmember Kerth, seconded by Councilmember Pannell, to close the hearing and adopt Resolution 97-653. The motion carried with an 8-0 roll call vote, with Councilmember Fargo abstaining.

RESOLUTION NO. 97-653

RESOLUTION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN  
REAL PROPERTY OR INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY  
BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR THE ARDEN GARDEN  
CONNECTOR PROJECT (JN:TA84)

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11.0 STAFF REPORTS

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12.0 SHRA

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\*\*\*\*Note: Items 14.1 through 14.4 were heard prior to Item 13.1, because those wishing to speak to Council under Item 13.0 arrived late.

13.0 CITIZENS ADDRESSING COUNCIL AGENCY OR AUTHORITIES BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE OR TELEPHONICALLY ON MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 13.1 Joe Borrego requested a public apology from Michael Picker regarding certain remarks he allegedly made on television on October 20, 1997 concerning lowriders at CalExpo. Mr. Borrego commented that for the past few years the Low-Rider organization has tried to work with the City regarding the problems associated with car shows and cruises, but now feels no need to cooperate as a result of Mr. Picker's alleged remarks.

Councilmember Pannell commented that City Council feels no disrespect to all lowriders and indicated his willingness to try to resolve the problems. Mr. Pannell cited historical problems with a small segment of those who attend car shows and exhibit illegal and violent behavior. Mr. Borrego agreed to meet with Mr. Pannell.

Councilmember Waters requested a copy of the video tape to which Mr. Borrego referred.

J.C. Pittillo, representing both Eminence and Lowrider in Sacramento, commented that the organizations have high standards for themselves and their vehicles. Because of the detours directed by police, Mr. Pittillo believed the right of free expression was violated. He protested the taking away of car shows.

Nicole Pittilla-Deanda echoed those remarks, noting that she attends car shows and believes that police contribute to the problem by harassing cruisers; the detours caused her difficulty in returning home.

Mr. Pannell commented that while it is true that all City Councilmembers are older, the rules did apply even then; he remarked that only 2%-5% of cruisers are ruining the events for everyone else.

Teri Stark, representing the Sacramento Lowrider Alliance, requested that a meeting be agendized with the media, Michael Picker, and CalExpo attending. Ms. Stark and the Alliance view lowrider cars as an art form; she asked that they not be seen as a stereotype.

Hector Travino, Secretary of the Sacramento Lowrider Alliance, advised that the Alliance participates in other events that benefit the community, such as the Toy Run, and donations to the Church of Guadalupe. Mr. Travino expressed the Alliance's willingness to help the City by organizing an event, the proceeds of which would go to the charity of Council's choice.

David Zauala, a CSUS student, says his hobby is his car; he stressed that this was not only a chicano interest, but people of other cultures were also interested in the car club as a way of expression.

Mayor Serna commented that there is no other City Council member who knows more about car clubs than he; the Mayor noted that he used to sponsor an event on Franklin Boulevard. The cruises went away because they draw people from out of the area who cause trouble and do violence. The Mayor cited incidents in which an elderly couple had been bottle-whipped, as well as various times there were killings and stabbings. Investigation revealed that most offenders had prior records and were from out of town.

The Mayor said every effort had been made to work out the problems, moving the cruises from place to place, etc.; he said the car clubs were fine, but the cruises can't be controlled.

Valerie Sarver, representing the Eminence Car Club, noted that she was introduced to car clubs by her husband. Ms. Sarver pointed out that there is good and bad in everything; Hell's Angels also do a toy run, and are followed by "bad" people, too. Ms. Sarver commented that the car show in Woodland is a good model to follow. Mayor Serna reiterated that the car club is not the issue; it is the cruise that creates the problems.

Ali Ayoub, representing Devotion Car Club, commented that he owns an exotic custom car and is a business owner. Mr. Ayoub urged working together with law enforcement; he believed that the image of lowriders is a stereotype, pointing out that the cars are extremely expensive. Mr. Ayoub was of the opinion that the police department contributed to the cruise, creating a traffic jam because of the detours.

Mayor Serna remarked that the issue is not the cars; the issue is the criminal element that follows, and how to distinguish between the legitimate, law-abiding car club members and those who come to cause trouble.

Mr. Ayoub suggested that a permit be required, such as in Woodland; the cost could be \$50-\$100 per permit, which would be displayed as a sticker on the window of the car. The police could set up check points; the route could be blocked off, check points set up, and anyone without the stickers could be denied entrance.

Mayor Serna urged that the clubs meet with Mr. Pannell to work out the problems; he stressed that violence will not ever be tolerated in Sacramento related to these cruises, which can't be controlled.

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#### 14.0 COUNCIL IDEAS AND QUESTIONS

14.1 Councilmember Waters advised that he had attended some meetings in his community (D-7) in which residents had expressed concerns regarding what evacuation plans had been developed for school children, in the event that a levee would break. Mr. Waters requested a report back from the City Manager.

City Manager Edgar advised Mr. Waters that a recent Flood Control Emergency Meeting had been held; a task force is now working on that issue. To date, the idea is to develop a relationship with the schools, a phone tree, etc. Mr. Edgar promised additional information as plans evolve.

14.2 Councilmember Hammond advised that there was to be a Town Hall Meeting in Curtis Park on December 1, 1997 at Sierra II, Curtis Hall, at 7 p.m.

14.3 Councilmember Pannell requested that an item be agendaized to City Council concerning reprogramming some ordinances on the books in order to create a universal approach to discuss problem areas.

14.4 Mayor Serna nominated Matthew G. Jacobs to the City Planning Commission.

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#### 15.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. in memory of Bill Redmond.

Submitted

  
Valerie A. Burrowes, City Clerk

Approved

  
Joe Serna, Jr., Mayor