Summary Minutes

Supervisor Chan called the meeting to order.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Hofacket, County Librarian, introduced Cindy Chadwick, the County’s new Deputy Librarian.

James Driver made a complaint about the upkeep of the unincorporated area. Mr. Driver also was dissatisfied with the Lewelling Boulevard Project.

Mel Medeiros stated that the Lewelling Boulevard Project is devastating and it is taking a long time for completion. Mr. Medeiros asked if the Committee could look into what is taking so long.

II. Redevelopment Agency Affordable Housing Update

Eileen Dalton, Director, Redevelopment Agency, presented an update on the Agency’s Affordable Housing Program.

On Tuesday the Board of Supervisors approved the Public Improvement Agreements for tier one and tier two projects, due to the possible elimination of the Redevelopment Agency. There is no guarantee that this would protect the agency’s funding.

The Redevelopment Agency sets aside twenty percent (20%) of funding each year for affordable housing projects. A summary of the Agency’s affordable housing projects was submitted to the Committee, which included projects that the Agency has completed.

Questions/Discussion

Betty Moose: Is the San Lorenzo Library included in the Public Improvement agreement?
Eileen Dalton: The Board approved the Public Improvement agreement for the library expansion in December 2010.

Nancy Van Huffel: The San Lorenzo Village housing project is listed as $14.5 million and seems like a higher amount than was originally estimated. Will these funds affect the commercial development of San Lorenzo Square?
Eileen Dalton: The affordable housing and commercial development funding are two (2) different funds. The estimates listed for affordable housing are “worst case scenario” estimates, which could be larger than original estimates.
Questions/Discussion (continued)

Supervisor Chan presented an update on State Budget. The Senate accepted the Governor’s proposal to eliminate redevelopment agencies however the Assembly is looking for a remedy. Both sides are in negotiation.

III. Neighborhood Advisory Group Update

Margaret Wright, Co-Chair, Neighborhood Advisory Group presented the update. The group did not meet in February to discuss any issues. There were items discussed at the last Unincorporated Services Committee meeting, which required follow up.

Follow up issues:

1) Status of the Silva Garage Appeal

   Albert Lopez Director, Planning Department, reported that a letter was sent out to Mr. Silva last week giving him 45 days from the date of the letter to take obtain a building permit to relocate the garage. If no action is taken by Mr. Silva within the allotted time frame, he will be fined.

2) Status of the Tree Preservation Ordinance

   Albert Lopez reported that he has exchanged e-mails with Ruth Barrata regarding ideas of what would be included in a Tree Preservation Ordinance. Mr. Lopez suggested that Cherryland and other communities should follow the model of the View Ordinance.

3) Lack of Enforcement on cameras

   Seth Kaplan, Chief of Staff, District 4, reported that a meeting with Public Works Agency, Sheriff’s Office and District 4 was set up to discuss this issue.

   Sgt. Bret Scheuller, Sheriff’s Office, reported that the Sheriff’s Office and the Public Works Agency met yesterday to discuss the issue and a follow up meeting will be set up and he will inform the Neighborhood Advisory Group.

4) Nancy Van Huffel reported that Jewel Spalding, Fairview resident is concerned that there is a lack of an ordinance that would allow the Board of Supervisors to rescind, lack of ordinance to rescind decision.

   Supervisor Scott Haggerty, District 1, reported that there is a mechanism in place to rescind decisions by the Board, which is to bring the item back at the next meeting to re vote. However, the Fairview issue was a few years ago, which complicated that process.

5) Nancy Van Huffel asked if the Committee was ready to public discuss the way the Alameda County Assessor is formulating the taxes.

   Supervisor Chan reported that they are looking into the issue with the Assessor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned to March 23, 2011.

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