

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF DELANO  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**March 21, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Ramirez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1015 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Delano, CA 93215.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Chief DeRosia led the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present: Aguirre, Chavez, Ramirez, Vallejo  
Board Members Absent: Morris

**OFFICIALS PRESENT**

City Manager Salem, City Attorney Alan Peake, City Clerk Kraft, Finance Director DeDios, Police Chief DeRosia, Transportation and General Services Director Newhouse, Community Development Director Woodcock, City Engineer Dowling, Chief of Corrections Galaza, Economic Development & Redevelopment Director Reyna, Human Resources Director Kirkwood, Community Services Director Tracey, Engineer Consultant Wankum

**ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

No items

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Warrant Register in the amount of \$1,999.91
- 2) Minutes of regular Redevelopment Agency meeting of March 7, 2011
- 3) Minutes of special joint Redevelopment Agency – City Council meeting of March 9, 2011
- 4) Approval of \$200.00 contribution to the League of California Cities and the California Redevelopment Association for the purpose of opposing the elimination of redevelopment agencies

Moved by Board Member Vallejo, seconded by Board Member Chavez and unanimously carried to approve the consent agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No items

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### 5) Discussion and possible direction regarding Block H

Chairman Ramirez stated that recently there has been a lot of interest in the Block H area from national tenants and developers as well as the courts. He asked the status on abandoning 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and what staff is doing to market the project.

Mr. Dowling reported that Quad Knopf Engineering has done research and submitted all the detail regarding the merging of the property into one parcel and the abandonment of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The merger is an administrative action and the abandonment requires a public hearing. Edison is working on the undergrounding of utilities on Glenwood Street. The project will take two years to complete. By the end of this year the poles should be gone and the street abandoned.

Mr. Peake stated that the transfer of ownership of the properties from the RDA to the City has not been recorded because the status of the redevelopment agencies throughout the state has not yet been settled. Future development will be better handled if the properties stay under RDA ownership because the RDA's were set up for economic development.

Ms. Reyna reported that staff has had several meetings in the past weeks with interested parties. The project area has been marketed at the ICSC convention held in Monterey. The theater group is interested and could be open by the end of the year. They are requesting eateries and other shops be located in the area. The court wants the area from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue south to between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> avenues. They are doing their due diligence regarding testing for soil contamination.

There was discussion regarding possible purchase of property from the railroad and paving for a parking lot. The property was released for sale in 2008, but staff does not know the current status. There was also discussion regarding the court. It was suggested that staff send a letter to inform the State that other parties are interested in the property.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

No items

## **BOARD MEMBER STATEMENTS AND REPORTS**

No items

## **CLOSED SESSION**

No items

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Ramirez adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Phyllis A. Kraft, Recording Secretary