

CITY OF PASADENA

Community Development Commission Minutes
February 10, 2003 - 5:30 P.M.
City Hall Council Chamber

REGULAR MEETING

OPENING: Chair Bogaard called the regular meeting to order at 10:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners:

Chair Bill Bogaard
Vice Chair Paul Little
Commissioner Victor Gordo
Commissioner Steve Haderlein
Commissioner Chris Holden
Commissioner Steve Madison
Commissioner Joyce Streater (Absent)
Commissioner Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer Cynthia J. Kurtz
General Counsel Michele Beal Bagneris
Secretary Jane Rodriguez

PUBLIC COMMENT There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was moved by Commissioner Gordo, seconded by Commissioner Tyler, to approve the minutes of October 28, 2002, as submitted. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioner Streater)

On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission recessed at 10:03 p.m. to a joint meeting with the City Council.

**ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND
TECHNOLOGY
COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Gordo was recused at 10:03 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

**REPEAL OF REDEVELOPMENT AREA DEBT INCURRENCE
TIME LIMITS AND PROPOSED MERGER OF NORTHWEST
REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS**

Recommendation of Chief Executive Officer:

- (1) Direct the City Attorney to prepare summary ordinances for each of the five Northwest Pasadena redevelopment project areas, which include the Fair Oaks Redevelopment Project, Lincoln Avenue Redevelopment Project, Lake/Washington Redevelopment Project, Villa-Parke Redevelopment Project, and Orange Grove Redevelopment Project, repealing their respective existing debt incurrence time limits per the provisions of Senate Bill 211.
- (2) Support the merging of the five Northwest Pasadena redevelopment project areas in accordance with the requirements

of the Health and Safety Code. As part of the merger process, staff will initiate a citizen participation that will include consideration of merging the Project Area Committees (PACs) as well.

Recommendations of Advisory Commission and Committee:

On October 24, 2002, the Community Development Committee recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission and the City Council adopt the aforementioned summary ordinances and support merging the Northwest Pasadena redevelopment project areas. In doing so, care should be taken to ensure that each of the five Northwest Pasadena redevelopment project areas are given appropriate attention and resources if ultimately merged.

Recommendation of Northwest Commission: On January 14, 2003, the Commission recommended approval of the staff recommendation to repeal the respective existing debt incurrence time limits and to merge the five Northwest redevelopment project areas. In addition, the Commission recommended that if the Project Area Committees were ultimately merged, that the Northwest Commission and the existing PACs would have the opportunity to review and approve, in advance, the configuration of the new "merged" PAC and the criteria by which monies will be allocated and applied under the new PAC.

Recommendation of Lincoln Avenue Project Area Committee:

On December 18, 2002, the Lincoln PAC recommended approval to repeal the debt incurrence time limits, but did not recommend support for the merger of the redevelopment areas. The PAC expressed concerns that funds from the Lincoln Project Area would be diverted to other project areas. In addition, the PAC opposed a merger of Project Area Committees due to concern regarding adequate representation on the newly formed PAC and the lack of assurance that Lincoln Avenue would receive priority and funding for proposed projects. The PAC also recommended denial of the dissolution of the Lincoln Avenue PAC.

Recommendation of Fair Oaks Project Area Committee:

On January 8, 2003, the Fair Oaks PAC opposed the merger of the redevelopment areas and recommended that each redevelopment area be governed by an independent Project Area Committee. PAC members believe that project area management is best accomplished by grassroots representatives who are intimately familiar with the communities. The Fair Oaks Redevelopment Area needs additional monies to continue its redevelopment, however, the subcommittee members do not favor siphoning off monies from other communities that are equally or more needy.

Commissioner Madison, Chair of the Economic Development and Technology Committee, briefly summarized the report and the following Committee actions:

1. Recommended that the Pasadena Community Development Commission and the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare summary ordinances for each of the five-Northwest Pasadena redevelopment project areas.

2. Continued discussion of the merging of the five Northwest Pasadena redevelopment project areas and directed staff to work with the appropriate advisory bodies and the community and return in six weeks with a process defining the role and configuration of the proposed Project Area Committee and how the funds in the merged area will be allocated.

Mr. Robert Wittry, Pasadena resident, spoke in opposition to the merger of the five redevelopment project areas.

Commissioner Holden noted it may be helpful for Commissioner Streater, the Chair, and himself to join staff in the discussions with the Committees regarding the merger issue.

The Chief Executive Officer indicated meeting information would be provided to Commissioners and the Chair.

Mr. Richard Bruckner, Director of Planning and Development, responded to questions regarding the fiscal impact.

Commissioner Haderlein noted he would like to know how much money is owed to the General Fund when this comes back before the Commission.

Following discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Madison, seconded by Commissioner Haderlein, to approve Chief Executive Officer's Recommendation No. 1. (Motion unanimously carried) (Absent: Commissioners Gordo, Streater)

Chair Bogaard clarified Recommendation No. 2, consideration of merging the Project Area Committees, is carried over to a future date.

On order of the Chair, the regular meeting of the Community Development Commission adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



Bill Bogaard, Chair
Community Development Commission

ATTEST:



Secretary

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