

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE
LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL AND
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

March 24, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldman called the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Community Activities and Beautification Committee (CAB) to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, in the Royal Palm Room of the La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL:

Councilmembers present: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman,
Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan, Mayor Waldman

Councilmembers absent: Councilmember Rodriguez

City Officials present: Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community Services
Director
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services Manager/City
Clerk
Mike Belknap, Recreation Superintendent
Cindy Robinson, Recreation Supervisor
Burt Ferguson, Recreation Coordinator
Lori Whalen, Minutes Clerk

Committee Members present: Committee Member Alvis, Committee Member Daum,
Chairperson Houston, Committee Member Huang,
Committee Member A. Patel, Committee Member K.
Patel, Committee Member Stecher, Vice Chairperson
Waheed

Committee Members absent: Committee Member Kim; Committee Member N. Patel

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Welcome/Introduction of Members

Members of the City Council, CAB, and Staff introduced themselves.

2. Review of 2008-09 CAB Committee's Programs

Chairperson Houston presented a report on past programs and commented that the current year is a building year that will provide the community with the same events as in past years.

Councilmember Rodriguez joined the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

3. Recommendations for 2009-10 CAB Committee's Programs

Chairperson Houston introduced the various Subcommittee Co-Chairs to present details for the 2009 events as follows:

- a) Vice Chairperson Abe Waheed presented information on Memorial Day, including Operation Bit of Home and the addition of an essay/art contest for Junior and Senior High School.
- b) Committee Member Huang presented information on the Home Spotlight awards, including information regarding new forms and the development of detailed criteria for the selection of winning homes.
- c) Chairperson Houston presented information on the Concerts in the Park; the 2009 theme--Summer of Icons; and on various activities that will coincide with the concerts such as National Night Out, a Civic Expo, and the City Council's involvement with the last concert.
- d) Chairperson Houston indicated that there was nothing to report regarding the Fine Arts Program or the Tree Lighting Program at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding the addition of King Elementary School students to the Fine Arts Program; ratio of students from La Palma that attend the various schools; that the Cerritos Performing Art Center may have cutbacks due to the current economic conditions; the holiday tree in front of City Hall, having Santa Clause stay at the Tree Lighting Ceremony longer; transitional music between singing groups; and awards for the art/essay contests.

Councilmember Charoen left the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Councilmember Charoen rejoined the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Further discussion ensued regarding the Home Spotlight awards; a green component or addition to the Home Spotlight Award; and the "America in Bloom" program.

The 2009-10 Budget was presented with an overall decrease in expenditures of \$2,531. The budget included a supplemental increase of \$1,800 for the purchase of a street banner to promote the Holiday Tree Lighting event and an ongoing expense of \$300 for the Memorial Day essay/art contest prizes.

Councilmember Charoen made a motion to approve CAB's 2009-10 Budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan and carried on the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Charoen, Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez, Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan, and Mayor Waldman

NOES: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Community Activities and Beautification Committee meeting at 7:35 p.m.

/s/

Mark I. Waldman, Mayor

Attest:

/s/

Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk

/s/

Linda Houston, Chairperson

Attest:

 /s/

Lori Whalen, Secretary