

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE LA PALMA CITY COUNCIL

November 3, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Waldman called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Royal Palm Room, La Palma Community Center, 7821 Walker Street, La Palma, California.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members

Councilmembers  
present:

Councilmember Herman, Councilmember Rodriguez,  
Mayor Pro Tem Shanahan, and Mayor Waldman

City Officials present:

Dominic Lazzaretto, City Manager  
Joel Kuperberg, City Attorney  
John Di Mario, Community Development  
Director  
Ed Ethell, Chief of Police  
Jan Hobson, Recreation & Community  
Services Director  
Jeff Moneda, Public Works Director/City  
Engineer  
Keith Neves, Finance Director  
Laurie Murray, Administrative Services  
Manager/ City Clerk

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

No members of the public wished to speak.

Councilmember Charoen joined the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

REGULAR ITEM

1. Study Session: Parks and Recreation Systems Comprehensive Master Plan

Recreation and Community Services Director Hobson gave a brief background of the project and introduced the consultants, Maxine Surks, Deputy Project Manager; Jim Pickel, Principal in Charge; and Ron Hagan, Senior Financial Consultant of Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG). MIG gave a presentation including a scope of the project; its goals; the process used; public outreach tools; stakeholder, community, and

survey input; and asked the City Council for their comments.

Public Input:

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council questioning the level of support for the listed items and if all of the listed items are key findings.

MIG responded that the listed items are the key findings.

Council Discussion:

Discussion ensued regarding the key findings; access to El Rancho Verde Park; water saving measures; a no smoking ordinance; exercise areas; that the phone survey mirrored the input received by stakeholders and focus groups; development recommendations; and non park user participation in the survey.

Public Input:

Gerard Goedhart, 4922 Berton Circle, addressed the City Council stating that the key findings need further analysis; his opposition to exercise stations, a water play feature, and to a meditation garden; his support for additional picnic areas, additional benches, unobstructed play areas, and relocating the outdoor restrooms.

Council Discussion:

Further discussion ensued regarding City demographics; that the meditation garden was requested by those who regularly use the park; clarification of a request to redesign the performance area to accommodate movies and more flat space for activities; a request for more detailed information from the survey to be provided to the City Council; and what relations are with current school facilities.

Director Hobson indicated that the City was currently participating in talks with the Anaheim Union High School District regarding joint use of their facilities.

The City Council provided direction to Staff to develop a draft Master Plan for City Council consideration in January 2010.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Waldman adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:48 p.m. to its Regular Meeting on November 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

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Mark I. Waldman, Mayor

Attest:

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Laurie A. Murray, City Clerk