



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/HOUSING AUTHORITY
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA CONVENED
THIS 8TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014 AT 8:30 A.M.
SOUTH PASADENA SENIOR CENTER
1102 OXLEY STREET**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Khubesrian convened the Special Meeting of the South Pasadena City Council/Redevelopment Successor Agency (Agency)/Public Financing Authority (Authority)/Housing Authority (Authority) at 8:50 a.m.

Present were City Councilmembers/Agency/Authority Members Cacciotti, Mahmud, and Schneider; Mayor Pro Tem/Agency/Authority Vice Chair Joe; and Mayor/Agency/Authority Chair Khubesrian.

Absent: None.

Other Officials and Staff present: City Clerk Zneimer; City Treasurer Pia; City Manager/Agency/Authority Executive Director Gonzalez; Assistant City Manager Straus; City Attorney/Agency/Authority Counsel Adams; Executive Assistant to City Manager Kbjian; Police Chief Miller; Fire Chief Frawley; Finance Director Batt; City Librarian Fjeldsted; Community Services Director Pautsch; Public Works Director Toor; Planning and Building Director Watkins; and Chief Deputy City Clerk Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Khubesrian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW OF MEETING

Mayor Khubesrian provided introductory remarks about the purpose of the Strategic Plan Update Meeting. Mayor Khubesrian introduced Laura Mason-Smith, Facilitator, who outlined the agenda for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Khubesian opened the Public Comments segment.

Natasha Prime, Executive Director, The Place of South Pasadena, provided an update on the teen center's activities.

Mayor Khubesian read an e-mail she received from Larry Abelson, Commissioner, Public Works Commission, regarding the City of South Pasadena's (City) major core value, which is to continue to improve the City's aging infrastructure and facilities. Commissioner Abelson's e-mail discussed the ideas developed at the Citizens' Summit Meeting. Commissioner Abelson requested consideration of the following items: 1) Improve mobility throughout the City; 2) Remove bulbouts on Fair Oaks Avenue at Mission Street and at Fair Oaks Avenue at Monterey Road; 3) Installation of left turn pockets on Monterey Road at Meridian Avenue and Diamond Avenue; 4) Installation of smart crosswalks at uncontrolled intersections with high pedestrian traffic such as Mission Street at Diamond Avenue and key intersections on Fremont Avenue; 5) Installation of all way stop signs; 6) Improvement of sidewalks; 7) Installation of a traffic signal at Monterey Road and Orange Grove Avenue; and 8) Request that Metro address the timing of the crossing gates at Mission Avenue and Meridian Avenue before and after a train travels through the intersection.

Mayor Khubesian closed the Public Comments segment.

INTRODUCTIONS AND RECOGNITIONS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Facilitator Mason-Smith explained her role and asked each participant to introduce themselves and indicate a highlight of the recently held Citizens' Summit Meeting.

MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Facilitator Mason-Smith reviewed the City's Three-Year Goals for 2014 through 2016.

After discussion, the participants prioritized the top five Three-Year Goals as follows (not in order of priority):

- Eliminate the 710 freeway tunnel and promote multi-modal transportation;
- Continue to improve City infrastructure and facilities;
- Continue to strengthen the City's financial position, organizational effectiveness, and service levels;
- Promote appropriate local economic growth; and
- Enhance the City's healthy natural and built environment.

Facilitator Mason-Smith read the City's Mission Statement.

After discussion, the participants revised the Mission Statement as follows:

The City of South Pasadena is committed to providing effective and efficient municipal services for the community while preserving our quality of life and small-town character in a 21st Century environment.

Facilitator Mason-Smith reviewed the City's Core Values as follows (not in order of priority):

The City of South Pasadena values:

- Honesty and Integrity
- Teamwork
- Outstanding customer-friendly service
- Responsiveness
- Open and accessible government
- Community participation
- Fiscal responsibility

After reviewing the Core Values, Mayor Khubesrian and City Manager Gonzalez agreed to draft an update to the Core Values, which will be presented to the City Council for their discussion, to potentially include the following concepts:

- Inclusivity
- Quality and best practices
- Public engagement
- Environmental stewardship
- Outstanding customer service

KEY THEMES THAT SERVE AS A FOUNDATION FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE – CITIZENS' SUMMIT INPUT

Facilitator Mason-Smith indicated the participants had previously reviewed, at the Citizens' Summit, the key themes that served as a foundation for the Strategic Planning Update process. These themes were identified through two means:

1. All City Commissions were asked to review the existing Strategic Plan and determine up to three big-picture policy goals (pertaining to the subject matter area of their Commission) that the City Council should consider as part of the Strategic Plan Update process; and
2. The public provided additional input on big-picture policy goals through a brainstorming process at the January 25, 2014 Citizens' Summit.

WORKING GROUPS: SETTING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Facilitator Mason-Smith asked participants to sit at five tables to discuss the identified objectives. After discussion, a representative of each group reported its top three objectives, plus one additional objective for consideration by another group.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Khubesrian opened the Public Comments segment.

Leslie Nicolaides, South Pasadena resident, requested information on the "Slater" court case. Councilmember Schneider explained the history of the case. He stated the Federal Highway Administration issued a record of decision allowing the SR-710 Freeway extension to be extended and constructed. He stated the City then filed a lawsuit against Rodney Slater, United States Secretary of Transportation, and subsequently won the lawsuit.

George Holmes, South Pasadena resident, suggested that the City limits be defined in the Mission Statement. He also recommended the type of trees be defined for replacement.

Bianca Richards, South Pasadena resident, suggested the following phrase be added to the City's Mission Statement: "...preserving our small town character." She also recommended adding an arts and culture element to the Core Values.

Howard Spector, Director, South Pasadena Arts Council, commented that the City should take advantage of the creative community and provide incentives for economic development of arts and creative businesses.

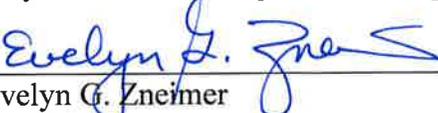
There being no further speakers, the Public Comments segment was closed.

NEXT STEPS

Facilitator Mason-Smith reviewed the next steps. She stated the information would go back to staff to put together work plans, and assign leads and timeframes to each of the objectives. She indicated the results would be brought back for City Council review and presented on a quarterly basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Khubesrian adjourned the Special Meeting at 12:00 p.m.



Evelyn G. Zneimer
City Clerk



Marina Khubesrian, M.D.
Mayor

Minutes approved by the South Pasadena City Council on March 19, 2014.