



**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2016, 7:00 P. M.
SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS
245 E. BONITA AVENUE**

**NOTE: RECEPTION AT 6:30 P.M. FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO YOUTH AWARD
RECIPIENTS IN CITY HALL LOBBY**

CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Curtis W. Morris
Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Badar
Councilmember Tem Jeff Templeman
Councilmember Denis Bertone
Councilmember John Ebner

STAFF:

City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Assistant City Manager of Development Service Larry Stevens
Assistant City Manager of Administrative Services Ken Duran
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel
Administrative Aide Ann Garcia
Assistant City Clerk Debra Black

1. CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Morris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

2. RECOGNITIONS

➤ Distinguished Service to Youth Awards

Mayor Morris and Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns made the presentations to Rosario Reyes in the Volunteer Category, Donovan Behen, Jamie Clark and Herb Perez in the Professional Category and Autism Spectrum Athletics and the San Dimas Shooting Star Parent Volunteers.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Public Invitation to the Foothill Boulevard Bridge Improvement Project Dedication Ceremony April 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Director of Public Works Krishna Patel made the announced invitation to the dedication ceremony of the Foothill Boulevard Bridge Improvement Project.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Members of the audience are invited to address the City Council on any item not on the agenda. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from

taking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. However, your concerns may be referred to staff or set for discussion at a later date. If you desire to address the City Council on an item on this agenda, other than a scheduled public hearing item you may do so at this time or asked to be heard when that agenda item is considered. Comments on public hearing items will be considered when that item is scheduled for discussion. The Public Comment period is limited to 30 minutes. Each speaker shall be limited to three (3) minutes.)

a. Members of the Audience

- 1) Evan Celaya San Dimas High School announcements
- 2) Melate Bekele with Metrolink provided explanation of the use of the BSNF's locomotives
- 3) Erica Rodriguez Relay for Life announcement
- 4) Nora Chen San Dimas Library announcements
- 5) Robert Hardcastle L.A. County Sheriff's Volunteer Association announcement
- 6) Chamber of Commerce announcements
- 7) Margie Green McKinley Children's Center announcement
- 8) Ryan Vienna Public Safety Commission announcement

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

(All items on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a member of the City Council or audience requests separate discussion.)

a. Resolutions read by title, further reading waived, passage and adoption recommended as follows:

RESOLUTION 2016-18, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING CERTAIN DEMANDS FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL, 2016

- b. Approve minutes from March 22, 2016 City Council meeting and the March 23, Supervisor Anotonovich meeting.

END OF CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: By motion and second Councilmember Bertone/ Ebner to approve the consent calendar as presented. Motion carried by vote of five-zero.

Yes: Badar, Bertone, Ebner, Templeman, Morris
Noes: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

6. OTHER MATTERS

- a) Presentation and report regarding a proposed use plan for the Walnut Creek Habitat Open Space area.

Consideration and recommendation to the Watershed Conservation Authority on project revisions and the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Project as proposed.

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 2016-19, **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIMAS, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,**

**RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION FOR THE WALNUT CREEK HABITAT AND OPEN
SPACE PROJECT AND SETTING FORTH STANDARDS AND
PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE PHASE OF THE
CONCEPTUAL MASTER PLAN**

- 2) Receive the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative declaration and forward to the Watershed Conservation Authority with recommendation to adopt.

Assistant City Manager of Development Services Larry Stevens presented staff's report on this item.

Council and staff discussed the construction schedule of the project, prohibiting access through Via Verde: focusing on the Calle Bandera gate, five year moratorium language in the resolution, elevation measurement and the city owned area of the project.

City Manager Michaelis 8:19 left dais at 8:19 p.m. and returned at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Morris invited members of the audience in favor of the project to speak.

The following residents spoke in favor of the project as presented at this meeting:

- 1) Albert Salgado
- 2) Brian McNerney

The following speakers disagreed with different elements of the project and documentation:

Resident Dr. Ersher brought forward a concern over the CEQA evaluation process and provided suggestions that could clarify the intent of this Council for the future.

Resident Ron Barrett shared comments on the effectiveness of the Resolution.

Resident Moses Tom voiced concern over the access to the property through the Calle Bandera gate.

Resident Bob Smith suggested the survey was not representative of all the residents in the community,

Resident Lily Tong stated she was not comfortable with the language in the resolution or CEQA document.

City Attorney Mark Steres explained the distinction between the environmental document prepared by the WCA who controls the majority of the land and project approval that has to go to the City Council to gain access through any of the city owned locations.

Responding to resident Mr. Ramon Vasquez Mayor Morris and Mr. Stevens explained key elements of the project.

Resident Wing Sam expressed concerned with construction impacts.

Resident Jose suggested addressing proper communication methods with the construction crew.

Resident Edward Correto also expressed concern with the construction crew.

Speaker Lloyd expressed concerned with parking at the Antonovich Trial.

Mayor Morris asked staff for comments on suggested changes to the resolution.

Mr. Stevens responded by reading the new proposed language: Whereas the conceptual Master Plan serves only as the project description for the purposes of CEQA and is not part of this approval or action.

Mr. Steres added that that would be appropriate, and that the only thing the resolution would be approving is item number five.

Councilmembers added their comments on their opposition to housing developments, gate access and reminded staff to prepared scripted rules for the construction company.

City Attorney Steres added that using the gate for construction would have no impact on the status of it being city-owned private property.

Mayor Morris then called for the resolution to be read by title.

ACTION: By motion and second Councilmember Badar/Bertone to waive further reading and approve **Resolution 2016-19, A Resolution of the City Council of the City of San Dimas, County of Los Angeles, Recommending Adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Walnut Creek Habitat and Open Space Project and Setting Forth Standards and Procedures for Consideration of Future Phase of the Conceptual Master Plan** with the addition of the following language: “ **Whereas the Conceptual Master Plan serves only as the project description for the purposes of CEQA and is not part of this approval or action. Motion carried by vote of five-zero.**

Mayor Morris and City Attorney Steres suggested clarifying item number five of the resolution by stating that the west phase (to be included as exhibit one) is the only phase approved, and bring the resolution back to Council on consent calendar to be seen with the recommended language additions.

Yes: Badar, Bertone, Ebner, Templeman, Morris

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Councilmember Ebner described his ideas and vision for this area and similar areas in the city and stated that he will continue to advocate for these, while accepting the expressed will of those most effected. He supports the proposed concept of a hiking and biking friendly use but ideally would have

liked to have had the design feature more walking paths that would have been accessible to all ages and abilities.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Members of the Audience (Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes or as may be determined by the Chair.)

Dr. Ersher commented on the status of the Via Verde Shopping Center.

- b. City Manager

Mayor's call in show broadcast.

- c. City Attorney

Nothing reported.

- d. Members of the City Council

- 1) Councilmembers' report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency.

Nothing reported.

- 2) Individual Members' comments and updates.

Councilmember Bertone's announcement of the Festival of Western Arts April 23-23, 2016.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. to the next meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. for Council/Staff Retreat.

Minutes approved May 10, 2016.


Curtis W. Morris, Mayor


Debra Black, Assistant City Clerk