



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: August 6, 2003

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Administrator

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY U.P.R.R. TASK FORCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Make the appropriate appointments.

MOTION:

Council discretion.

BACKGROUND:

At the June 26, 2003 City of Commerce City Council Special Meeting, Councilmember Hugo Argumedo recommended the formation of a Community Task Force to address concerns regarding Union Pacific Railroad. Councilmember Argumedo also requested Union Pacific Railroad Company's commitment to participate in the Committee. Union Pacific Railroad Company executives in attendance that evening agreed to work with the City of Commerce in addressing all train derailment concerns as well as all other community concerns involving the railroad to the City's satisfaction.

On June 30, 2003, Union Pacific Railroad Special Representative, Wayne Horiuchi, through written correspondence, informed our City Administrator Tom Sykes of the following Union Pacific Railroad Company representatives that have been assigned to participate on the Task Force:

Oliver Cromwell

General Superintendent of Transportation Services

Brock Nelson

Director of Environmental Operations- West

Tony Jardino

Sr. Manager of Intermodal Terminal Operations

Jeff Verhaal, Vice President of the Western Region for Union Pacific Railroad Company assigned the above-mentioned Union Pacific representatives to the Task Force.

At the July 15, 2003, Regularly Scheduled City of Commerce City Council Meeting, the following residents were appointed:

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| Ed Miles- | Appointed by Councilmember Rosalina Lopez |
| Tina Baca del Rio- | Appointed by Councilmember Hugo Argumedo |
| Bob Eula- | Appointed by Councilmember Nancy Ramos |
| Vacant- | (Mayor Jesus Cervantes) |
| Vacant- | (Mayor Pro Tem Ray "Gordy" Cisneros) |

The City Council also appointed Mayor Jesus Cervantes to serve as Chair of the Task Force and Councilmember Hugo Argumedo to serve as Vice Chair. Councilmember Rosalina Lopez will serve as the Alternate for Mayor Cervantes and Councilmember Ramos will serve as the Alternate for Councilmember Argumedo.

Mayor Jesus Cervantes has called for the first Task Force meeting to be held Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 3:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room.

ANALYSIS:

The City of Commerce City Council should consider nominating two councilmembers to serve on the Task Force as well as designating the Director of Community Development and the Director of Community Services as City staff representatives. The City Council may also direct staff to formally invite our federal, state, and local elected representatives to designate a field representative as a member of the Community Task Force. In addition, each City Councilmember may appoint one community resident to the Task Force.

BUDGET IMPACT:

None.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Sykes".

Thomas Sykes
City Administrator

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CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

4) APPROVAL OF
LOS ANGELES
COUNTY PROBATION
DEPARTMENT
GANG ALTERNATIVE
PREVENTION
PROGRAM SERVICES
(GAPP)
AGREEMENT

The County of Los Angeles Probation Department Agreement to Provide a Gang Alternative Prevention Program (GAPP) was approved for the period July 1, 2003, to June 30, 2004, subject to the City Attorney's review.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

CONSIDERATION
OF JOINING COALITION
AGAINST
RAILROAD LAND
ACQUISITION

It was the consensus of the Council to continue this item to the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION NO.
03-37 – IN SUPPORT
OF SB 60, A MEASURE
TO IMPROVE
PUBLIC SAFETY
FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS

It was moved by Councilmember Ramos, seconded by Councilmember Argumedo and unanimously carried to approve and adopt Resolution No. 03-37, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF SB 60, A MEASURE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS", and direct that a letter of support be forwarded to Governor Gray Davis.

Councilmember Ramos further requested that a letter be sent to Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca requesting that he, too, join the City in supporting this bill.

ESTABLISHMENT
OF COMMUNITY
U.P.R.R. TASK
FORCE

It was moved by Councilmember Argumedo, seconded by Councilmember Lopez and unanimously carried to appoint Mayor Cervantes and Councilmember Argumedo as the two Councilmembers to serve on the Community U.P.R.R. Task Force, to address concerns regarding the Union Pacific Railroad, with the following individuals identified by the Railroad as its representatives thereon: Mr. Oliver Cromwell, General Superintendent of Transportation Services; Mr. Brock Nelson, Director of Environmental Operations – West, and Mr. Tony Jardino, Senior Manager of Intermodal Terminal Operations, each of who were assigned by Mr. Jeff Verhaal, Vice President of the Western Region.

It was the consensus of the Council to appoint Councilmember Lopez as the alternate for Mayor Cervantes and Councilmember Ramos as the alternate for Councilmember Argumedo to the Task Force.

It was the consensus of the Council that Mayor Cervantes serve as the Chairperson and Councilmember Argumedo as the Vice Chairperson of the Task Force.

With the consent of the Council, the following appointments of residents to serve on Task Force were made, with it being the consensus of the Council that such appointees must be residents and the missing of three meetings will result in automatic termination from the Task Force:

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| Councilmember Argumedo | Tina Baca Del Rio |
| Councilmember Lopez | Ed Miles |
| Councilmember Ramos | Bob Eula |
| Mayor Pro Tempore Cisneros | Continued |
| Mayor Cervantes | Continued |

It was the consensus of the Council to direct staff to contact the City's local, state and federal elected officials and request that they designate a representative to serve on the Task Force.

**MINUTES OF THE CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETINGS OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE AND
THE COMMERCE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009, AT 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairperson Aguilar called the concurrent regular meetings of the Commerce City Council and the Commerce Community Development Commission to order at 6:37 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE**

Scott Wasserman, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation, led those assembled in the flag salute.

INVOCATION

Was offered by Councilmember/Commissioner Fierro.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmembers/
Commissioners: Argumedo, Fierro, Leon,
Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Chairperson
Baca Del Rio,
Mayor/Chairperson Aguilar

ABSENT: Councilmembers/
Commissioners: None

STAFF

PRESENT: City Administrator/Executive Director Jorge J. Rifá
City Attorney/Commission Counsel Eduardo Olivo
City Clerk/Assistant Secretary Linda Kay Olivieri

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

**EXPRESSION OF
CONCERNS – VARI-
OUS MATTERS**

Ms. Madeline Clarke, Commerce resident, addressed the Council and Commission; expressed her concerns regarding the Saturday exercise classes for seniors held at the Senior Center, encouraging the Council to continue the classes, and, referring to Item 7, relating to the Community Railroad Task Force, stated that she did not understand why it was being recommended that the Task Force be dissolved.

City Administrator/Executive Director Rifá addressed the Council and Commission and, responding to the concerns raised by Ms. Clarke regarding the Community Railroad Task Force, stated that the Task Force has not held a meeting since he has been with the City.

Mr. Bob Eula, Commerce resident, addressed the Council and Commission and expressed his concerns regarding the recommended dissolution of the Community Railroad Task Force, recommending that a representative from the Ayers neighborhood be appointed to the Environmental Justice Advisory Task Force.

Mr. Ed Miles, Commerce resident, addressed the Council and Commission and expressed his appreciation for the City's Search & Rescue Team (SART), commending Robert Leon, Emergency Preparedness Officer, for a fine job in connection with the SART.

CONSENT CALENDAR

**ALL ITEMS ARE
ROUTINE AND MAY
BE ENACTED BY
ONE VOTE**

It was moved by Mayor Pro Tempore/Vice Chairperson Baca Del Rio, seconded by Councilmember/Commissioner Fierro and unanimously carried to approve Items 1 through 3 and 5 through 6 of the Consent Calendar, respectively. Item 4 was considered first under Scheduled Matters.