

**MINUTES
LA PUENTE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL MEETING OF
July 8, 2008**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on July 8, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lujan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Council Members present: Mendoza, Lujan, Holloway, and Storing

Council Members absent: Solis

Staff Members present: City Manager Cowley, Assistant City Manager Yamachika, City Attorney Casso, City Clerk Turner, City Clerk Assistant Garcia

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**A-1 PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AND EDUCATION COMMISSION
APPLICANT INTERVIEWS**

City Clerk Turner introduced the item and read the qualifications for the Commission.

Council Member Storing announced that she will be appointing Roberta Cooper to the Education Commission.

Evelyn Herrera, an applicant for the Parks & Recreation Commission, stated that she has been a resident for over 20 years, attended local schools, and is currently employed for Congressperson Grace Napolitano. She expressed her interest in getting involved with the youth and the importance of parks and recreation. She noted that this is a fairly new Commission, that she has enjoyed learning the process and looks forward to continuing on the Commission. She felt the most effective use of the park would be to resolve parking issues.

Mike Salas, an applicant for the Parks & Recreation Commission, reviewed the events he has attended in the past. He has been a La Puente resident for over 12 years, was not aware of the park by Nelson School, and felt the most efficient use of the parks is to offer

programs and activities that benefit the community. He stated he has not reviewed all of the Parks Master Plan but has reviewed the User Guide.

Robert Young, a Parks & Recreation Commission applicant, reviewed his past work history and stated that he is currently attending school at Hacienda Willow to obtain Title 22 and Title 5 certification for after school and childcare programs. His passion is working with kids. He had no knowledge of the Parks Master Plan and stated he is very involved in his church and the community.

Jane Rubio, a Parks & Recreation Commission applicant, has been a resident of La Puente since 1984. She stated she is passionate about and proud of La Puente and looks forward to contributing to the City. She is currently a part-time student at East Los Angeles College and has experience in social services work. She felt she could best serve by tackling issues such as problem solving issues with the youth sport leagues and by evenly distributing the use of the park resources. She stated she had no knowledge of the Parks Master Plan but that she learns quickly. She felt that parking issues at the park should be addressed.

Ronald Berdugo, an Education Commission applicant, stated that he was born and raised in La Puente, has attended local schools, and is currently attending Cal State Fullerton. He has a desire to get involved with the City because of his work interning with the State Senate. He is particularly interested in Education since he discovered that only 8% of La Puente residents have Bachelors Degrees. He feels as a commissioner he should focus on serving as a liaison between the School Districts and the City Council. He stated he would be the representative of the Council Member who appoints him.

Roberta Cooper, an applicant for the Education Commission, stated that she has been a resident of La Puente since 1962. She was not interviewed further because Council Member Storing announced that Ms. Cooper would be her appointment.

Gil Duarte, an applicant for the Education Commission, stated that he was born and raised in La Puente, explained his involvement with the San Gabriel Valley Democratic Center, and expressed his interest in the Education Commission. He felt an important duty of the Commission is the scholarship program and he thought the program should be expanded and that the awarding of scholarships should include a student's grade point average. He noted that the Commission should also become involved with the local PTAs.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Lujan thanked all of the applicants for their participation.

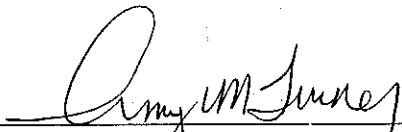
ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

None.

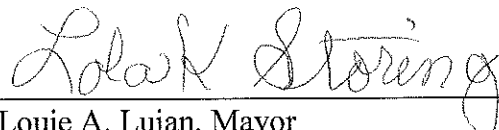
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, Mayor Lujan adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of July, 2008



Amy M. Turner, City Clerk



FOR Louie A. Lujan, Mayor