7:05pm

Fernando Dutra City of Whittier Mayor - greeted guest

Allan Nakken gave thank you to Verengo as Sponsorship for the Annual Meeting. Mat from Verengo gave introduction. Veering is here to help the community and the partnership with community. Save on electric bills and donating to the community and looking for partnership with FHPOA.

Allan thanked Owen Newcomer for his attendance. Also thanked Jeff Collier City Manager of City of Whittier, Lt. Taddam and Lt. Jenson from W.P.D for being in attendance. Along with members, past presidents and past board members.

Allan is delighted to be back on FH Board. Introduces the Board:
Lou Grimaldi
Enrique Hernandez
Mike Tobin
Jim Emery
Mark Nelson
Sal Hassan
Jeff Butler
Greg Norbak
John Esprio
Joe Villaescuesa
Eric Vealtik
Jens Welling
Gary Montoya
Ruben Armienta
Eileen Alvarez

Treasurer’s Report: Enrique makes report on financials. Motion to approve Financials. Gary seconded.

 Beautification Awards:
Martinez Family
Descamp Family 8627 La Entrada
Sipple Family 9347 Lindante Drive
Reinstallation of Board Members: 3 yr terms
- Enrique
- Jeff
- Lou
- Mike
- Ruben

Jim Emery approved Greg seconded

2014 Goals: Allan reported on the following:
- solar lighting to some of our existing monuments
- upgrade to website
- replaced & upgrade banners
- installation of new friendly hills welcome sign in the works with City of Whittier

Member stated is there any openings for the board. Allan reported there are no current open positions.

Jeff Collier, City Manager, City of Whittier -
- introduced the new Mayor Fernando Dutra, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Vinatieri and councilman.
- City recognition: 2014 top 100 best places to live in US
- 2014 all american city finalist
- GFOA reporting excellence
- Dog Park on Philadelphia along trail
- Nestle was partner with park project at Kennedy park along the quad along with Whittier Host Lions Club
- New city water pumping plant $15.3 million project, Western half of community, to be completed this fall.
- Drought Executive Order: whittier 20% reduction, whittier turf will eventually die because of drought. Reducing irrigated lawns. Residents only watering twice a week. rebate to remove turf and add tolerant type planting.
- “Green” projects: landfill gas to generate electricity, COG public works parks truck fleet, traffic signal conversion to LED, whittier greenway trail bioswaste, water pumping plant
- Energy Network projects: convert 1,665 streetlights to LED fixtures, HVAC/mechanical city building, palm park pool pump with variable speed pump
- TEN project benefits: saves city $3 million over 15 years, obtains $122,104 utility incentives
- SCE undergoing in 2015: $4.2 million in our rule 20A account with SCE
- Former RDA bond fund projects: whittier has $25.9 million in former RDA bond funds to invest in variety of project: uptown parking structure, parking meters, whittier blvd. traffic mitigation projects
• Mineral Extraction Project:
• CVRA litigation / districts: city was sued under calif. voting rights
  2 city council public hearings held to date. Monday night April 20th to select and
approve voting district boundaries
• Budget: positive revenue growth, potential reduction in water revenues due to drought,
significant budget cuts in past years, employee COLAS since 2008, auditor to
staff for infrastructure projects, water/sewer projects, RDA bond projects
• Fred C. Nelles,: 750 homes, 20,017 square ft of commercial used,
• Lincoln Specific Plan: historic issues, traffic, new infrastructure, new water,new storm drains
and electrical.
• Coming soon on Washington Blvd: Biology, Popeyes by PIH
  Starbucks at Norwalk and Beverly
• New uptown businesses: canoe cafe, forking good, the cellar along with a few others
• Whittier Towers: renovation of former building,
• Whittier College Stauffer: renovating science building
• Smart & Final on Greenleaf and Whittier Blvd. open middle of summer
• The Quad: Vallarta Market, investing $5 million open mid summer
• Corner Bakery: former Boston Market
• La Fitness: nice new addition
• Old saturn property will be Applebees, Starbucks, Jersey Mike's,
• O'Reilly is now open former Blockbuster building
• Dunkin Donuts former Arby's
• Former Ford/Cadillac site - Orchard Supply Hardware
• Suburban Water Reservoir Project: under construction, building new reservoirs,
• Friendly Hills Lane: up for sale…
• Buffalo Wild Wings former Nickel Nickel
• Chick-fil-a : interested in leasing here in town
• The Original Pancake House: under construction
• Oakmont Senior Living: opening next week 80% leased. Nice high end facility.
• Whittier/Catalina Apartments: 76 luxury apartments homes, site grading underway.
  approximately $2000 lease/rent
• Former Toyota property , park place apartments
• Penn/Comstock Condos: relocating guilford hall from whittier college campus affordable units
  11 condominiums
• Amesbury: zeeman boat trailer off mar vista east of whittier bld. 55 units, townhouse,
• Hadley/magnolia: more housing projects
• Intracorp Beverly blvd: masonic lodge
• Scotty’s Family Restaurant: going into Famous Joe’s on Scott and Whittier
• Polly’s Pies: working with city for new building

Lots of new businesses coming in, excuse the dust.

Q&A:
• Court House: re-open within a 5-7 years, that report was given 2 years ago
• water drought: artificial turf is welcomed. but also want to determine how much gravel can be
  on properties
• bike trail - city has investigated and confident in additional funding for contraction monies. Bond funds can not be used for this construction, outside of boundaries.
• whittier hospital: no renovations
• large increase in homeless around city: city is aware, agrees that is has grown. There are representatives that had put in bills that allow people to live in public. City has 2 roll off containers that are full of belongings. homeless issue is a major challenge, working on a solutions.
• water shortage: how can we save on water when there are other homes being built - property owners have rights and there development has rights
• Bank of America building: uptown, no official news at city of a high end restaurant
• storage units are required to have permit to be on street.

Allan thanked Jeff for City update

Fred C. Nelles:
    173 thousand square feet of development, mixed use with a combination of small and big businesses.  561 homes for sale, 189 apartments or senior apts.. property is currently not on tax roll. $283 million per year of tax revenue. $3 million of park fees, going to basketball courts, lighting etc. art fee $300 thousand. $1.4 million to whittier union high school district. 952 construction jobs that will be temporary, 620 permanent jobs. new residents $17 million a year of revenue. $9.4 million in restoration. Mark Huffman reported on brookfield, has been working on this for 2 years with mark. Neighbors for whittier future: looking for support from individuals. date may 4th for planning commission.

Allan concludes the meeting with closing comments: thanks all for coming and goal is to make Friendly Hills bigger and better.

adjourned 8:40pm