

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 15, 1978

Present - Members Mitchell, Williams, Schnaubelt, Gade, Stirling,
and Vice Chairman Haro.
Excused - Member O'Connor.
Absent - Member Lowery and Chairman Wilson.
Secretary - Deputy Linda Osborne.

The meeting was convened at 2:56 p.m., with Vice Chairman Haro presiding.

Minutes of the meetings of April 25 and May 2, 1978 were approved unanimously on motion of Member Schnaubelt and second of Member Stirling.

The biennial public hearing on the City College Redevelopment Project was the next item on the agenda. Mr. James L. Spotts, Redevelopment Division Superintendent, introduced the president of City College, Dr. Allen J. Repashy, who spoke briefly and then presented a film on City College. Mr. Spotts explained something of the history of the project and its inception in 1970, and the state law requirement that is fulfilled with the hearing at this time.

RESOLUTION NO. 391, finding that satisfactory progress has been made in the City College Redevelopment Project, was unanimously approved on motion of Member Stirling and second of Member Williams.

The next item was the proposed resolution approving the preliminary design concept for public improvements within the Gaslamp Quarter Planned District.

Mr. Spotts, in response to Member Stirling's questions regarding the relationship between the Gaslamp Quarter Project Area Committee (PAC) and the City, stated that when the Agency took the action to shift responsibility from Centre City Development Corporation at the Agency meeting of April 3, the decision was to have the Planning Department and the Redevelopment Division of the Engineering and Development Department take direction, providing staff support to the Gaslamp PAC.

It was also noted that the Gaslamp Quarter project had been officially declared a redevelopment project area by the Planning Commission and the Project Area Committee had been constituted and recognized pursuant to Community Redevelopment Law.

Mr. McKinley, Executive Director of the Agency, further explained the question of responsibility, reminding the Agency that PAC had specifically asked for the continuing services of Mike Stepner of the Planning Department. Member Gade questioned the use of full-time staff working with the Gaslamp PAC. Vice Chairman Haro said it is

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responsibility of the Redevelopment Agency to oversee the projects, and even if it is not a formally designated redevelopment project, the property owners will be coming to ask for public improvements.

Following the slideshow presentation by Charles Tyson, chairman of the Gaslamp PAC, he spoke further about the property owners who are committed to the revitalization of the district, and about the proposed demonstration project to break ground this fall in one block chosen because of the interest of the owners and tenants. Mr. Tyson said that CCDC, the Planning Commission, and PAC had all approved unanimously the general concepts that had been presented to them. The resolution before the Agency, he reminded the members, is only to approve the concept.

In response to Member Gade, Mr. Tyson said the cost of public improvements for sidewalk widening, street furniture, landscaping, and lighting would be \$5.5 million, which funds would be derived from Block Grant, the assessment district, state and federal sources.

Member Stirling objected to the wording of the resolution, stating that in effect the Agency would be approving the trolley system; he suggested the word "review" rather than "approve."

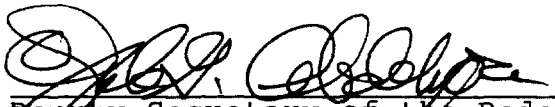
The Mayor said an executive session was in order for the Council at that time; the language of the resolution could then be changed by Mr. Tyson and the staff.

The meeting was recessed at 4:06 p.m. and reconvened at 5:48 p.m. with the following present: Members Mitchell, Schnaubelt, Gade, Stirling, Haro, and Chairman Wilson. Because of the few members in attendance, Member Mitchell made a motion to continue the item on Gaslamp and the one on Councilman Gade's memo to the following day. Member Stirling seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m., to continue May 16.


Chairman of the Redevelopment Agency
of the City of San Diego, California

ATTEST:


Secretary of the Redevelopment Agency
of the City of San Diego, California