



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
Redevelopment Agency's Report

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REPORT NO: RA-06-23

ATTENTION: Honorable Chair and Members of the Redevelopment Agency

SUBJECT: Appointment of James T. Waring as Director of the San Diego Model School Development Agency

REQUESTED ACTION:

Approve the appointment of James T. Waring to serve a three-year term as the Redevelopment Agency's representative on the Board of Directors of the San Diego Model School Development Agency (SDMSDA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested action.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The SDMSDA is a joint powers agency created in 2002 to facilitate an innovative concept to turn investment in new school construction into the central focus of a new community. Concern for housing supply has resulted in a commitment to replace all the housing lost to needed school construction – both owner occupied and for sale housing, along with neighborhood serving retail space. In addition to educational and joint use recreational facilities, a day care center and other family services are envisioned as are enhanced open space, pedestrian connections and traffic calming measures.

The SDMSDA is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by its four member agencies (San Diego Unified School District, City of San Diego, its Redevelopment Agency and the Housing Authority) and a community representative. Currently, Housing Commission Board Chair Sal Salas represents the Housing Authority and was elected Chairman of the SDMSDA board. The Redevelopment Agency representative, Debra Fischle-Faulk, has moved to another position.

The SDMSDA holds noticed, open meetings in City Heights to conduct its business. Agenda material is emailed to interested parties and placed in two locations in City Heights. Occasional mailings, newsletters and news articles are intended to disseminate information about the Model School.

The Florence Griffith-Joyner elementary school is under construction and scheduled to open in September 2007. After an open and competitive process seeking a Master Developer for the other uses, CityLink Investment Corporation was selected to perform feasibility studies of the potential project area. After consideration of the feasibility information, extensive community input and preliminary environmental analysis, the Board finalized the boundaries of a reduced

area to be considered for potential development. Through a formal Owner Participation solicitation, a proposal from the City Heights Community Development Corporation is also under consideration. Finally, the Finance Committee continues to meet to identify funding sources to fill the financing gaps.

This report recommends continued participation by the Redevelopment Agency by approving James Waring, Agency Assistant Executive Director, to replace Debra Fischle-Faulk as the Redevelopment Agency's representative on the SDMSDA Board of Directors.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None with this action.

PREVIOUS AGENCY ACTION:

On June 25, 2002, the Redevelopment Agency approved the Joint Exercise of Powers agreement for the SDMSDA.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS:

None for this action.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS & PROJECTED IMPACTS:

No anticipated impacts by this action. Property owners and residents of the study area and member agencies are stakeholders.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved: James T. Waring
Assistant Executive Director