

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED JOINT MEETING
OF THE MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL AND
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD HELD ON
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003, AT 5:45 P.M. IN
THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO
STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Chairman Eaton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor/Chairman Eaton; Council Members/Directors Paulitz and Ruh; City Manager/Executive Director McDougal; Acting Director of Administrative Services Hayes; Director of Redevelopment/Public Works Staats; Acting Director of Community Development Lustro; City/Agency Engineer Hudson; City Clerk/Agency Secretary Crawford

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey (arrived at 5:48 p.m.); Council Member/Director Raft

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

IV. COUNCIL/AGENCY WORKSHOP

A. Human Services Update

City Manager/Executive Director McDougal introduced Assistant Director of Human Services Yoakum.

Assistant Director of Human Services Yoakum gave an overview of Human Services Division's Making a Difference – After School Program, which each weekday serves approximately 650 student participants. She reported that funding for the After School Program is provided by a \$413,000 Before- and After-School Learning and Safe Neighborhood Partnership Program state grant, noting that this year's funding totals \$500,000 because of additional funding through the 21st Century Federal Grant Program and other **Ontario-Montclair School District (OMSD)** funding sources.

Assistant Director of Human Services Yoakum stated that she selected the After School Program for tonight's presentation because of the benefits it provides to so many children. She thanked the Council/Agency Board for endorsing the **Montclair Community Collaborative** and its partner in the program, **OMSD**.

Assistant Director of Human Services Yoakum introduced Senior Recreation Supervisor Joyce Tanner, who facilitates the After School Program.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner stated that the basic goal of the After School Program is to provide a safe and enjoyable learning environment for elementary and middle school students to assist them in achieving their future goals.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey arrived at 5:48 p.m.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner reported that the program is currently in its fourth year and now serves approximately 650 children at the following five school sites: **Kingsley, Mission, Lehigh, and Monte Vista Elementary Schools and Serrano Middle School**. She noted that in her 15-year involvement in after-school programs, she has proudly watched participants mature to become productive members of society.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner gave a power point presentation highlighting program academics, enrichment and recreation activities, and exercises to teach participants positive adult relationships.

Learning Coordinator Patti Heim reported on her work with the After School Program at **Serrano Middle School**. She spoke of a problem child who, after six years of involvement in the program, is now a responsible family man who is employed as the chief executive officer of a large furniture company.

Learning Coordinator Robert Mendoza presented an After School Program video depicting students engaged in a variety of indoor and outdoor enrichment activities. He noted that some of the supervised activities include school sports and community clubs.

A number of students, a learning leader, and a parent gave testimony on how the After School Program has positively influenced their lives and their families.

Mayor/Chairman Eaton asked the number of students who participate each day in the After School Program.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner replied that the program averages close to 650 students per day.

Council Member/Director Ruh asked if there is a waitlist for the After School Program.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner advised there is a waitlist and that schools are working very hard to alleviate the list, adding they are continually searching for additional funding sources.

Learning Coordinator Mendoza noted there is a ratio of 20 students per learning leader; however, they are presently

unable to hire additional learning leaders until funding becomes available.

Council Member/Director Paulitz asked about eligibility criteria for participants. He asked if there are some instances in which children who have parents at home attend the program, thereby eliminating the opportunity for latchkey children to participate.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner stated that one requirement is that the child must be enrolled in the school providing the After School Program. She expressed her opinion that children with parents at home still be eligible to attend the Program because of its benefit in providing a good learning environment. She added that some at-home parents volunteer their services to the After School Program.

Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey commented on the effectiveness of this excellent program. He expressed his opinion that the program should be provided in all elementary and middle schools in San Bernardino County.

Mayor/Chairman Eaton congratulated the Human Services Division for its work to facilitate such a wonderful program and thanked the student participants, parents, and learning leaders. He expressed his amazement at the total number of participating students.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Tanner extended an invitation to anyone interested to a tour the After School Program.

A single mom stated that her son, who had been struggling in school, is now in his second year of the After School Program and has made major progress in school. She thanked the City for providing such a wonderful program.

Council Member/Director Ruh stated that these programs are excellent intervention tools and are very much needed, adding that perhaps increased funding may become available over the next few years.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:24 p.m., Mayor/Chairman Eaton adjourned the City Council and Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors.

Submitted for City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board/Montclair Housing Corporation Board approval,

Donna Jackson
Deputy City Clerk