

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR JOINT MEETING
OF THE MONTCLAIR CITY COUNCIL, REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD, AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2003, AT 7:00 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 7:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Pastor Neal Froese, Rock of Life Community Church, gave the Invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member/Director Raft led those assembled in the Pledge.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Council Member/Director Paulitz (excused)

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of New Employees

Mayor Eaton introduced **Ms. Johanna Calderon**, who began her employment with the City as an Accounting Specialist on Monday, April 14, 2003. He noted that Accounting Specialist Calderon brings with her over nine years of accounting experience.

On behalf of the City Council, Mayor Eaton welcomed Accounting Specialist Calderon to the Montclair City family and presented her with a City pin.

Mayor Eaton introduced **Mr. Richard Thompson**, who was appointed to the position of Equipment Mechanic in the Public Works Department on April 7, 2003. He noted that Mr. Thompson

served in Vietnam in the U. S. Navy in the early 1960's.

Mayor Eaton welcomed Equipment Mechanic Thompson to the Montclair City family and presented him with a City pin.

B. Presentation to City by Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club of Montclair

Mayor Eaton introduced **Kiwanis Club of Montclair** Board Member Pat Rees and **Montclair Chamber of Commerce** Executive Director Kelly Johnson, who presented him with a \$3,142.36 check representing all proceeds from the recent Casino Night fundraiser co-sponsored by the **Chamber, Kiwanis Club,** and Community Action Committee (CAC).

Board Member Rees noted the **Kiwanis Club** had pledged a \$5000 contribution toward development of the Skateboard Park. She thanked the **Kiwanis, Chamber,** and the CAC for their combined efforts in raising these funds.

Mayor Eaton thanked the **Chamber, Kiwanis Club of Montclair,** and CAC for their generous contributions. He presented **Chamber** Executive Director Kelly Johnson and **Kiwanis Club** Board Member Mary Francis with plaques of appreciation.

C. Proclamation Declaring April 21–27, 2003, as "Volunteer Appreciation Week" in the City of Montclair

Mayor Eaton presented a proclamation to CAC Chair Charlene Kusick declaring April 21–27, 2003, as "Volunteer Appreciation Week" in the City of Montclair.

Chair Kusick accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Eaton.

D. Presentation of "Volunteer of the Year" Award

Mayor Eaton announced that CAC Chair Kusick and Vice Chair Hartman would be assisting him in the presentations of plaques and awards this evening for the *2003 Volunteer of the Year* program.

Mayor Eaton presented *Volunteers of Distinction* plaques to the following nominees:

Soroptimist International of Montclair/Inland Valley volunteer **Ms. Dorothy Trice**, who is recognized for her commitment to volunteer service, symbolizing the very essence of volunteerism. A retired physician, she continues to advocate and place in action values to improve people's lives. **Ms. Trice** is a very caring and responsible person and is always ready to assist wherever needed.

San Bernardino County Library, Montclair Branch volunteer **Mr. James Patrick**, who has dedicated his free time to the library and the community for the past 18 years. He is recognized for his

dependability, caring, and commitment. **Mr. Patrick** is described as a jovial person and a pleasure to be around.

Youth Basketball Program volunteer **Mr. Dan Porrino**, who has coached for the past seven years. A very dedicated and caring man, he is an excellent roll model, always setting a good example of proper behavior for his players and their families. **Mr. Porrino** is a shining example of "Montclair's Youth Basketball League Coach's Code of Conduct."

Doctors' Hospital Medical Center volunteer **Ms. Marge Young**, who is second to none in quality and quantity of service to the organization. She has donated over 30,000 hours (95 hours per month), and her dedication and commitment as the manager of the Gift Shop has resulted in thousand of dollars raised and donated to the community each year. In addition, **Ms. Young's** spirit has not faltered in 30 years.

Montclair-Ontario Junior Women's Club volunteer **Ms. Joyce Tanner**, who has "jumped in with both feet," participating in all community projects, including the community health fair, school programs, special holiday programs, collection of food for the needy, and personal items for a women's shelter. As a club member for a relatively short two-year period, **Ms. Tanner** will take on the responsibility of Club President beginning this June.

Lehigh School volunteer **Ms. Joyce Womack**, a dedicated individual who, upon retirement, returned to the school as a volunteer, assisting in the office and classrooms, providing high-quality tutoring; and working with students individually and in small groups. **Ms. Womack** is truly a part of the learning community.

Mayor Eaton presented the following *2003 Volunteer of the Year Awards*:

Second Runner-Up: **Ms. Mary Cotter**, nominated by the **Senior Nutrition Program** for her dedication and commitment to the organization. **Ms. Cotter** volunteers 20 hours per week, never complaining and always smiling. She is highly respected by all of the participants.

First Runner-Up: **Ms. Barbara Mankin**, nominated by **Montclair Meals on Wheels** for her modesty, unselfishness, and sympathetic ear. She is well respected by the volunteers and recipients. A program evaluator, **Ms. Mankin** visits the homebound; arranges for special diets; meets with the provider, **Doctors' Hospital Medical Center of Montclair**; and fills in wherever and when-ever it is needed to ensure the program's quality.

First Place: **Mr. Maynard "Mac" Lenhart**, nominated by **Kiwanis Club of Montclair** for his commitment and dedication to the spirit of volunteerism, always "going the extra mile." **Mr. Lenhart** assists in the following projects: **See's** candy fundraiser, Walk for a Cancer Cure, Safety Fair, and C.A.U.T.I.O.N. Neighborhood Cleanup Program. In addition, he performs minor home repairs for needy residents, teaches a safe-driving class for seniors, and raises money for youth programs. Lastly, **Mr. Lenhart** serves in the capacity of Montclair Planning Commissioner and Monte Vista Water District Board Member.

On behalf of **Senator Nell Soto**, Field Representative **Pat King** presented **Mr. Lenhart** with a *Certificate of Recognition*.

On behalf of **San Bernardino County Fourth District Supervisor Fred Aguiar**, Field Representative **Linda Van Hoof** presented **Mr. Lenhart** with a *Certificate of Recognition*.

On behalf of the **Chamber**, Executive Director **Kelly Johnson** presented **Mr. Lenhart** with a *Certificate of Recognition*.

Mayor Eaton expressed his appreciation to the volunteers and thanked them for caring and believing in Montclair.

At 7:25 p.m., Mayor Eaton recessed the City Council and Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards.

At 7:30 p.m., Mayor Eaton reconvened the City Council and Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. **Ms. Mary Ann Melleby**, Public Affairs Director, **Monte Vista Water District (MVWD)**, announced that as part of a joint Water Conservation Program, low-flush toilets will be distributed free of charge to Montclair residents on Saturday, April 26, 2003, between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at **Montclair High School (MHS)**. **Ms. Melleby** stated that the program is sponsored by **MVWD, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA)**.

Ms. Melleby encouraged residents' participation in the program. She requested that all old toilets be returned to **MHS** between 8:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2003, for recycling.

For those persons who are currently unable to participate in the program, **Ms. Melleby** noted the **IEUA's** rebate program that allows

customers to purchase low-flush toilets and receive \$50 rebates.

Council Member Ruh inquired concerning assistance to be provided to residents who are unable to install the toilets on their own.

Ms. Melleby responded that **MVWD** has a list of reputable plumbers who will install the toilets for a fee.

Mayor Eaton noted that typically retired craftsmen who perform such work advertise in the local newspapers.

B. Mr. Roger Baer stated that since the City is celebrating volunteerism, he is reminded that approximately 350,000 volunteers fought a victorious war on behalf of our country to bring us freedom and to preserve the rights of Americans and other people around the world. He stated that it seems timely that later in the evening, the City Council will be voting to take away some of that freedom. **Mr. Baer** urged residents to stand up for their freedom at the Council meetings and to visit the www.citizensforabettermontclair.com Web site.

C. Ms. Gina Howerton commented that she observed a Code Enforcement Officer driving recklessly in her neighborhood. She asked if she should forward the license plate number of the vehicle to the Police Department or if there is an 800 number for reporting unsafe drivers of City vehicles.

Mayor Eaton suggested **Ms. Howerton** forward the license plate number to the Police Department.

Ms. Howerton stated that she received a citation from a Code Enforcement Officer and noted she has recently learned that the Officer was not sworn. She asked if the citation is still valid.

Mayor Eaton suggested that **Ms. Howerton** contact Fire Chief Turner regarding the matter.

D. Mr. Ronald Armstrong, 5601 Deodar Street, Montclair, reiterated past comments concerning youth, City Council raises, and Code Enforcement matters. He stated our soldiers are shedding their blood to preserve our constitution and freedom of speech and the City Council is trying to take ours away.

E. Mr. Frank Hernandez, 4696 Mane Street, Montclair, spoke in support of the improvements on Mission Boulevard and the proposed grade separation projects.

As a member of the **Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council 7412**, **Mr. Hernandez** noted that he was honored to tie yellow ribbons around the median island trees along Central Avenue in support of our troops. He thanked Council Member Raft for her wonderful suggestion.

VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Second Reading – Adoption of Ordinance No. 03–830 Related to Decorum at Public Meetings

Mayor Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 03–830 related to decorum at public comments from meetings and invited the public.

Council Member Ruh suggested that public testimony be given and that this item be continued to the May 5, 2003 regular joint meeting because of Council Member Paulitz's absence this evening.

It was the consensus of the Council to continue the vote on this item to May 5, 2003.

Mr. Roger Baer stated that if the purpose of the proposed Ordinance is to preserve order and decorum, it doesn't seem to accomplish that objective. He noted the significance of reducing public comment time by 40 percent which, in his opinion, is intended to limit dissent. He asked that the Council consider providing public rebuttal time at the end of meetings.

Ms. Brittney Armstrong spoke on behalf of youth in opposition to the public comment time limit in proposed Ordinance No. 03–830. She expressed her opinion that the public has a right be heard.

Ms. Teresa Billingsley commented as follows:

1. She spoke in strong opposition to the proposed rules of decorum.
2. She asked who would enforce these rules as they relate to elected officials.
3. She expressed her disagreement with Section C, Paragraph 2, regarding repetitiously addressing the same subject, noting that oftentimes repetition serves to update the status of a matter.
4. She asked that the rules of decorum at public meetings be reconsidered.

Mr. Ronald Armstrong expressed his belief that he is responsible for inclusion of the repetition clause in the proposed Ordinance. He noted the importance of the public's concerns being effectively addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey expressed his support of the proposed guidelines regulating decorum at public meetings. He suggested increasing the public comment time limit to five minutes.

City Attorney Robbins stated that while it was the consensus of the

Council earlier in the meeting to continue the second reading to May 5, 2003, no formal vote was taken.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey and seconded by Mayor Eaton that Ordinance No. 03-830, entitled **"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTCLAIR ADDING CHAPTER 2.02, ENTITLED 'DEFINITIONS,' AND CHAPTER 2.14, ENTITLED 'DECORUM AT PUBLIC MEETING,' TO THE MONTCLAIR MUNICIPAL CODE,"** be amended to increase the public comment time limit clause from three to five minutes and that it be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its first reading.

The City Council waived the reading of the Ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 03-830 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Ruh, Raft, Dutrey, Eaton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Paulitz

B. Second Reading – Adoption of Ordinance No. 03-832 Pursuant to Chapter 11.84 of the Montclair Municipal Code Establishing a Prezone Designation of "R-1" to Approximately 4.75 Acres within the City's Sphere of Influence

Mayor Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 03-832 pursuant to Chapter 11.84 of the Montclair Municipal Code establishing a prezone designation of "R-1" to approximately 4.75 acres within the City's Sphere of Influence and invited comments from the public.

There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Mayor Eaton closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council for its consideration.

Council Member Ruh asked who is the developer of the project.

Director of Community Development Clark answered, "Bade Construction Company, Inc."

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey and seconded by Council Member Ruh that Ordinance No. 03-832, entitled **"An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Montclair Approving a Pre-Zone Designation of R-1 (Single-Family Residential) Within the City's Sphere of Influence,"** be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its second reading.

The City Council waived the reading of the Ordinance.

Second Reading of Ordinance No. 03-832 was adopted by the following ROLL CALL vote:

AYES: Ruh, Raft, Dutrey, Eaton

NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Paulitz

Discussion was held regarding landscaping guidelines of the proposed ordinance and whether or not xeriscaping would be required of the developer.

C. First Reading – Adoption of Ordinance No. 03–831 Amending Section 9.20.460 of the Montclair Municipal Code Related to Equivalent Dwelling Unit Value

Mayor Eaton declared it the time and place set for public hearing to consider Ordinance No. 03–831 amending Section 9.20.460 of the Montclair Municipal Code related to equivalent dwelling unit value and invited comments from the public.

There being no one in the audience wishing to speak, Mayor Eaton closed the public hearing and returned the matter to the City Council for its consideration.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey and seconded by Council Member Raft that Ordinance No. 03–831, entitled "**An Ordinance of the City Council of The City Of Montclair Amending Section 9.20.460 of the Montclair Municipal Code Related to the Regional Sewage Supplemental Capital Outlay Fee,**" be read by number and title only, further reading be waived, and this be declared its first reading.

The City Council waived the reading of the Ordinance.

First Reading of Ordinance No. 03–831 was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Ruh, Raft, Dutrey, Eaton
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Paulitz

VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey and seconded by Council Member Raft to approve the following Consent Items as presented:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Regular Joint Council/Agency/Montclair Housing Corporation Meeting of April 7, 2003

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards approved the minutes of the Regular Joint City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board/Montclair Housing Corporation Board meeting of April 7, 2003.

B. Administrative Reports

1. Setting a Public Hearing to Consider Ordinance No. 03-833 Amending the Compensation Schedule for Members of the Montclair City Council

The City Council set a public hearing for Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers to consider Ordinance No. 03-833 amending the compensation schedule for members of the Montclair City Council.

2. Approval of Recommendations from the March 31, 2003 Real Estate Committee Meeting

The Redevelopment Agency Board approved the recommendations from the March 31, 2003 Real Estate Committee Meeting as listed on the agenda report for this item.

3. Receiving and Filing of City Treasurer's Report

The City Council received and filed the City Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2003.

4. Approval of City Warrant Register and Payroll Documentation

The City Council approved the Warrant Register dated April 21, 2003, totaling \$421,746.12; and the Payroll Documentation dated March 23, 2003, amounting to \$493,765.78, with \$340,640.85 being the total cash disbursement.

5. Receiving and Filing of Agency Treasurer's Report

The Redevelopment Agency Board received and filed the Redevelopment Agency Treasurer's Report for the month ending March 31, 2003.

6. Approval of Agency Warrant Register

The Redevelopment Agency Board approved the Redevelopment Agency Warrant Register dated 3/01/03-3/31/03 in the amounts of \$152.74 for Project I; \$75.12 for Project II; \$58,084.26 for Project III; \$2,291.11 for Project IV; and \$7,688.82 for Project V.

7. Receiving and Filing of Montclair Housing Corporation Treasurer's Report

The Montclair Housing Corporation (MHC) Board received and filed the MHC Treasurer's report for the month ending March 31, 2003.

8. Approval of MHC Warrant Register

The MHC Board approved the MHC Warrant Register dated

3/01/03–3/31/03 in the amount of \$101,246.05.

C. Agreements

- 1. Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors' Approval of *Agreement Nos. 03–47 Through 03–55, Rehabilitation Grant Agreements* by and Between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and Exterior Housing Improvement Program Participants**

The Redevelopment Agency Board approved *Agreement Nos. 03–47 through 03–55, Rehabilitation Grant Agreements* by and between the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency and the nine Exterior Housing Improvement Program participants listed on Exhibit A to the agenda report on this item.

D. Resolutions

- 1. Adoption of Resolution No. 03–05, a Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving the Preliminary Report for the Proposed Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project and Directing the Transmittal of the Preliminary Report to the Affected Taxing Agencies**

Adoption of Resolution No. 03–06, a Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving the Draft Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project Area, Authorizing Transmittal of the Proposed Redevelopment Plan to Affected Taxing Agencies and Persons and Organizations Within the Project Area, Submittal to the Planning Commission for Report and Recommendation, and Authorizing the Development of a Final Redevelopment Plan

The Redevelopment Agency Board adopted Resolution No. 03–05, entitled "A Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving the Preliminary Report for the Proposed Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project and Directing the Transmittal of the Preliminary Report to the Affected Taxing Agencies."

The Redevelopment Agency Board adopted Resolution No. 03–06, entitled, "A Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Approving the Draft Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project Area, Authorizing Transmittal of the Proposed Redevelopment Plan to Affected Taxing Agencies and Persons and Organizations Within the Project Area, Submittal to the Planning Commission for Report and Recommendation, and Authorizing the Development of a Final Redevelopment Plan."

- 2. Adoption of Resolution No. 03–2440, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montclair Consenting to and Calling for**

a Joint Public Hearing with the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency with Respect to the Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project and Final Environmental Impact Report

Adoption of Resolution No. 03-07, a Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Consenting to and Calling for a Joint Public Hearing with the City Council of the City of Montclair with Respect to the Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project and Final Environmental Impact Report

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 03-2440, entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Montclair Consenting to and Calling for a Joint Public Hearing with the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency with Respect to the Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project and Final Environmental Impact Report."

The Redevelopment Agency Board adopted Resolution No. 03-07, entitled "A Resolution of the City of Montclair Redevelopment Agency Consenting to and Calling for a Joint Public Hearing with the City Council of the City of Montclair with Respect to the Proposed Redevelopment Plan for the Mission Boulevard Joint Redevelopment Project and Final Environmental Impact Report."

3. Adoption of Resolution No. 03-2441 Authorizing the Submittal of a Funding Request Form for Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Cleanup to the Department of Conservation, Division of Recycling

The City Council adopted Resolution No. 03-2441, entitled, "A Resolution of The City Council Of The City of Montclair Authorizing the Submittal of a Funding Request Form For Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Cleanup to the Department Of Conservation, Division Of Recycling."

IX. PULLED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS – None

X. RESPONSE

A. Update Regarding Heritage Park Senior Apartments

Mayor Eaton reported there has been no contact from representatives of the property owners, AIMCO, or the service provider, New Century Care, and there is no new activity to report. He advised that no permits have been issued for any modifications to the building nor has approval been given for any other changes to the property.

It was the consensus of the Council to receive and file the update regarding the Heritage Park senior apartments.

B. Acceptance of Report Regarding Future Use of Alma Hofman Park and the Proposed Skateboard Park

CAC Vice Chair Darleen Hartman stated that in March 2001, the CAC was assigned the task of developing the proposed Skateboard Park project. She stated that after much study and careful review, the CAC determined **Alma Hofman Park**, specifically the area currently occupied by the caboose, to be an ideal location for the Skateboard Park with its high visibility and close proximity to the Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey stated that he supports Plan A for the proposed Skateboard Park site at this time, with further consideration given to Plan C at a later date.

Council Member Ruh noted his involvement since the inception of the proposed Skateboard Park and recognized the CAC members for developing the project. He stated that the Skateboard Park would be a valuable asset to the City and that he supports Plan A.

Council Member Raft commended the CAC for its efforts and expressed her wholehearted agreement with Plan A as the proposed Skateboard Park site.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Dutrey, seconded by Council Member Ruh, and carried to approve Plan A as the proposed Skateboard Park site.

XI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. City Attorney/Agency Counsel

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54966.9 (a) Regarding Pending Litigation

U.S. v. Montrose: Montclair

City Attorney Robbins requested a Closed Session pursuant to Section 54956.8 of the Government Code regarding the above matter.

B. City Manager/Executive Director

1. City Manager/Executive Director McDougal commented as follows:
 - (a) He asked that the Council consider conducting Fiscal Year 2003–04 budget deliberations at an adjourned joint meeting on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

It was the consensus of the Council to conduct the Fiscal

Year 2003–04 budget deliberations on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

- (b) Regarding the statement that Code Enforcement Officers supposedly follow people home after City Council meetings and cite them the following day, he stated, "That is ludicrous."
- (c) He advised that he has not received a \$21,000 annual salary increase.
- (d) He reported that insurance funds and not taxpayers money were used in the **Jayne Baer** settlement.

C. Mayor/Chairman

1. Mayor/Chairman Eaton commented as follows:

- (a) He announced that Planning Commissioner Tenice Johnson's term will be expiring on June 30, 2003, and that applications to fill the vacancy will be available at all City offices beginning tomorrow and will be accepted through May 29, 2003. He stated that he is confident that Planning Commissioner Johnson will apply for another term on the Commission.
- (b) He announced that Community Action Committee Member Linda Salazar will resign effective June 30, 2003, and that applications to fill her unexpired term ending June 30, 2006, will be available at all City offices beginning tomorrow and will be accepted through May 29, 2003.
- (c) He noted that while traveling to **Chicago** last week to attend a **SANBAG** Commuter Rail Conference, he noticed how well commuter rail is doing across the country. He reported that the **Metrolink** line is rated No. 5 in the nation.

D. City Council/Agency Board

1. Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Dutrey commented as follows:

- (a) He commended the City and **Montclair–Ontario Junior Women's Club** for co-sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2003, at Alma Hofman Park.
- (b) He announced that a Youth Talent Showcase will be held Friday, May 16, 2003, at the Montclair Community Center. He advised those desiring to donate to the talent show to contact the Human Services Division.
- (c) He stated that on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, the City of Montclair and the **Ontario–Montclair School District**

(OMSD) will sponsor a Family Literacy Celebration. He expressed his wholehearted support of the program.

- (d) He challenged his Council colleagues to become members of the **Kiwanis Club of Montclair**, noting he has registration applications available. He advised the organization meets every Thursday at 7:00 a.m. at the **Plum Tree Restaurant**, 10220 Central Avenue. He encouraged Council Members' support of the organization.
- (e) He expressed his support of City Manager McDougal serving as Chairman of the **West End Communications Authority (WECA)** and encouraged his lobbying on behalf of **WECA** in **Washington, D.C.**
- (f) He hoped everyone had a wonderful **Easter**.

2. Council Member/Director Ruh commented as follows:

- (a) He reported that the **Margarita School** site has been demolished. He noted neighboring residents' mixed reactions to the closure of the school because of its place in Montclair's history, though they are happy to see development progressing on the single-family residential subdivision proposed for the site.
- (b) He stated that on April 12, 2003, he participated as one of the judges in a **Youth Forum** sponsored by **Soroptimist International**. He commended coordinators **Ms. Diane Wells** and **Ms. Donna James** for their outstanding contributions. He noted one of the young students was a classically trained pianist who entertained the audience during lunch with compositions by Sergei Rachmaninoff.
- (c) He noted that on Saturday, April 19, 2003, he participated in a "**Support the Troops**" rally held at the corner of Central Avenue and Moreno Street. He stated that there are at least three dozen families from the Montclair area who have loved ones serving overseas. He reminded them of the display of Montclair servicemen and servicewomen at City Hall and asked that they contact the City so that their loved ones' names may be added.
- (d) He shared the following quote by **Mr. Edwin Markham**:

*There is a destiny that makes us brothers;
None goes his way alone.
All that we send into the lives of others
Comes back into our own.*

Council Member Ruh stated that our volunteers perform a tremendous service for our City.

E. Committee Meeting Minutes

1. Minutes of the Public Works Committee Meeting of March 24, 2003

The City Council received and filed the Public Works Committee meeting minutes of March 24, 2003, for informational purposes.

2. Minutes of the Real Estate Committee Meeting of March 31, 2003

The Redevelopment Agency Board received and filed the Real Estate Committee meeting minutes of March 31, 2003, for informational purposes.

3. Minutes of Personnel Committee Meeting of April 7, 2003

The City Council received and filed the Personnel Committee meeting minutes of April 7, 2003, for informational purposes.

City Manager/Executive Director McDougal reported on the success of his recent lobbying trip to **Washington, D.C.**, to secure funding to replace the outdated **WECA 800 MHz** radio system. He advised of the possibility of receiving substantial funding for a new system within the next two years.

Mayor/Chairman Eaton spoke in support of implementation of the new system when available.

XII. ADJOURNMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MONTCLAIR HOUSING CORPORATION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

At 8:37 p.m., Chairman Eaton adjourned the Redevelopment Agency and Montclair Housing Corporation Boards of Directors. He thanked audience members for attending tonight's meeting and those at home for watching.

At 8:38 p.m., the City Council went into Closed Session regarding pending litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9 (a) of the Government Code.

XIII. CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 8:50 p.m., the City Council returned from Closed Session. Mayor Eaton announced the City Council met in Closed Session regarding pending litigation, information was received, and no further announcements would be made at this time.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT OF CITY COUNCIL

At 8:52 p.m., Mayor Eaton adjourned the City Council.

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

Donna M. Jackson
Deputy City Clerk