

**LANCASTER NEIGHBORHOOD VITALIZATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
February 5, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Derryberry called the meeting of the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission to order at 4:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Harris, Hearn, Kiefer, Lawson, Vice Chair Moulton, Chairman Derryberry

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Recording Secretary, Management Analyst II, Assistant to the City Manager, Public Safety Manager

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Brad Hayen, Grace Chapel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Chairman Derryberry

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – *AGENDIZED ITEMS:***

No speaker cards

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

**CC 1.** Approve the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission meeting minutes of December 5, 2012.

On a motion by Vice Chair Moulton and seconded by Commissioner Kiefer, the Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission approved the Consent Calendar by the following vote: 6-0-0-0; AYES: Harris, Hearn, Kiefer, Lawson, Moulton, Derryberry; NOES: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: None

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**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

Status report on draft landlord liability ordinance

Chairman Derryberry gave an update regarding the landlord liability ordinance. The ordinance was presented to representatives of Greater Antelope Valley Association of Realtors (GAVAR). GAVAR expressed a concern with the imposing fines and stated the landlords can't resolve the problem if the landlord is unaware of a problem. The City will work on a new policy which would send out notification to the landlord of a dog bite occurring on their property. This would put the landlord on notice of potential vicious dog on property allowing them to rectify the situation.

Chairman Derryberry thanked the commission for their work on the landlord liability ordinance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Present calendar and neighborhood selection for the 2013 UNITE Program  
Presenter: Brenda Gamlowski

Brenda Gamlowski stated the Mariposa area has been selected as the neighborhood that the City will be working on for this year's revitalization project. She stated that the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department has been working in that area and feels it is appropriate for the City to continue to concentrate efforts.

Chair Derryberry has requested staff update the commission with demographics and statistics related to this area as we proceed with the project.

The Safer Stronger Neighborhood Committee will be conducting several events in the upcoming months promoting the UNITE Program. Anticipated program dates:

- May 8 – June 14                      Application Period
- May 15 & June 1<sup>st</sup>                      Public Forums
- July 15 – July 19                      Interviews with Finalists
- August 6                                  Winners Announced at LNVC Meeting
- September 21                              UNITE Lancaster Day

Staff looks forward to working with the commission on selection and project implementation.

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**PRESENTATIONS:**

1. Healzone Program  
Presenter: Antelope Valley Partners for Health

Jean Varden gave a presentation on HEAL Zone. HEAL Zone Partnerships purpose is to create an environment that promotes healthy eating choices for both adults and children. They are currently providing programs at Mariposa School and Mariposa Wellness Home that is educating students on healthy lifestyle including nutrition and physical activity.

**COMMISSION/ STAFF UPDATES**

1. City Staff Updates  
Presenter: Brenda Gamlowski

Brenda Gamlowski gave an update on Martin Luther King Day of Service. She stated it was very successful with the largest project held at the Lancaster Shelter.

She announced that the commission should receive an invitation to the Kaiser Permanente groundbreaking event. She encouraged them to attend if available.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Jason Zink – He is in real estate in the area and stated that the area has gone down. He stated even some of the nice neighborhoods such as Los Hermanos has graffiti on the outside walls and Desert Rose has no landscaping. These items would make the Antelope Valley more attractive. The City should be working on beautifying the area to help with the real estate market. Maybe the City should think about Benefit Assessment Districts to assist neighborhoods with broken fences and other maintenance needs. It may bring jobs to the area. He feels there are three major eye sore areas in Lancaster; 20<sup>th</sup> Street West from Lancaster Boulevard to Avenue J-12 which runs along the freeway; Avenue K and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street East; and Avenue J and Kingtree Avenue.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chairman Derryberry encouraged everyone to attend the Antelope Valley Board of Trade Business Expo on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. It is a great event for the Antelope Valley.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. by Chairman Derryberry.

**ATTEST:**

  
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COMMISSION SECRETARY

**APPROVED:**

  
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LNV COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

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**CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES**  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ of the City of Lancaster, CA, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original Lancaster Neighborhood Vitalization Commission minutes, for which the original is on file in my office.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, CA on this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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