AUBURN URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES
December 8, 2008
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn Urban Development Authority was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, December 8, 2008 immediately following 5:00 p.m City Council meeting with Chair Keith Nesbitt presiding and Secretary Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Authority Members Present: J. M. Holmes, Bridgett Powers, Robert Snyder, Keith Nesbitt

Authority Members Absent: Kevin Hanley

Staff Members Present: Executive Director Robert Richardson, Authority Counsel Michael Colantuono, Administrative Services/Finance Director Andy Heath, Community Development Director Will Wong, Senior Planner Reg Murray, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger, Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren

1. **Public Comment**

None

2. **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve the Auburn Urban Development Authority Minutes of November 10, 2008. **MOTION: Holmes/Powers/Approved by Voice (Absent Hanley)**

3. **Auburn Streetscape Master Plan**

Senior Planner Reg Murray introduced the item. He explained that the Master Plan has been in development for the past couple of years. He said the Streetscape improvements are for portions of Lincoln Way and High Street. He said the City has utilized the services of Foothill Associates in the preparation and development of the Streetscape. He

advised that Kate Kirsh of Foothill Associates was present to provide an overview of the Streetscape.

Kate Kirsch, Vice President Foothill Associates, advised that the Streetscape is a long-term project. She said the Streetscape is designed to link Old Town and Downtown Auburn. She said signage will help visitors in the area. She said the corridor should help to increase economic opportunity in the community by making the corridor more enjoyable and walkable. She said a number of improvements will be made for both pedestrian and vehicle use. She said undergrounding the utilities will improve the aesthetics of the corridor.

Council Member Bob Snyder said he had reservations regarding one area of the Streetscape plan. He asked that Public Works Director Warren assist him in choosing wording that will allow him to support the project. He said the last stretch of Lincoln Way, just prior to reaching Auburn-Folsom Road, is a heavy trafficked area. He said the plan shows a very large median running from Auburn-Folsom Road, on Lincoln Way, almost to Highway 49. He said, if the traffic was narrowed to one lane, it would be disastrous for rush hour traffic. He said it would be of harm to those drivers that use Lincoln Way. He said he has been assured that, as each section goes out to bid, it will be reviewed by the City Council.

Public Works Director Warren provided wording: "To reevaluate the section from Auburn-Folsom Road to Highway 49 before construction begins with regard to vehicle storage, turning movements, access to local businesses and level of service." Council Member Snyder requested that the wording be inserted into the approval of the master plan in order that he could support it.

Joseph G. R. Labrie, Auburn resident, asked the Public Works Department if the staff had considered flexible sidewalks and pavement that absorbs water. He said it would stop sidewalks from being uplifted by roots because they bend. He said pavement that would absorb water would be beneficial to the environment.

City Council Member Bridget Powers commended staff and Foothill Associates for their hard work. She stated her support of the project. Mayor Nesbitt stated his support and stated that the community will be enhanced by the project.

A. By **RESOLUTION 08-15** find the Auburn Streetscape Master Plan categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); Section 15303 (New Construction); and Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land); and

B, Approve the Auburn Streetscape Master Plan with the amendment as stated by the Public Works Director.

MOTION: Snyder/Holmes/Approved 4:0 (Absent Hanley)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to a Special Council Session.

Keith Nesbitt, Chair

Joseph G. R. Labrie, Secretary