

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL UPDATES

Actions Taken by the Dublin City Council

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August 18th, 2009

- The Dublin City Council recognized the many business and community sponsors that helped make our Sports Family Funfest, Father's Day Picnic, Summer Concert Series, and Family Movie Nights successful.
- MCE was publicly acknowledged for its donation of 300 labor hours to the City towards various public improvement projects in fiscal year 2009-2010.
- Target was recognized for its generous \$2,000 donation to Dublin Police Services for a special program that teaches kids self-protection techniques from abduction, assault, molestation, and harassment.
- Zoning changes were made to the current Arroyo Vista site to facilitate the redevelopment of the site into a mixed-income project. The EIR certification and final project approvals were continued to the September 1st meeting.
- Cliff Garten was selected to commission two public art pieces at the Dublin Transit Center. The work will be paid for by the Public Art Fund. The Council also directed staff to create a process for public input on the development of the pieces, and directed the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission to review our artist selection process for future projects.
- Modifications to the City's Facilities rental procedures were made to allow the use of candles at all public venues in Dublin with the exception of the old St. Raymond's Church.
- A presentation was made on Alameda County's official Homeless Count for 2009. The good news was that the rate of permanent homelessness had dropped dramatically. The bad news was that the "hidden homeless" count of those who are "couch surfing" or within 7 days of eviction or foreclosure had risen significantly. Although there weren't exact figures for Dublin, the count for the Tri-Valley is very low.
- Additions were made to the City's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to better prepare for both natural and man-made disasters. Some changes were to be in compliance with federal standards, but many others were added as a result of lessons learned from the recent gas spill.
- A report was given to the City Council on this year's Day on the Glen Festival (September 19-20). The Council expressed enthusiasm for this year's event, and asked Staff to consider making next year's Day on the Glen Festival even longer. In addition, it was determined that the permanent date of the event would be the weekend after Labor Day in future years.