

**APPROVED MINUTES  
ONIZUKA LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
AUGUST 26, 2008**

*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (b), the following Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority meeting included teleconference participation by Authority Member Otto Lee from the Sheraton Denver Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado 80202. The Notice and Agenda were posted at the teleconference location; public comment from such address was allowed.*

**ROLL CALL** (voice roll call)

Authority Clerk Gail Borkowski announced that roll call and voting this evening will be conducted by voice vote, and called in random order due to Authority Member Lee teleconferencing into the meeting.

**PRESENT:**

Authority Chair Ron Swegles  
Authority Vice Chair John Howe  
Agency Member Anthony Spitaleri  
Authority Member Otto Lee (via teleconference)  
Authority Member Melinda Hamilton  
Authority Member Christopher Moylan  
Authority Member David Whittum

**ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Assistant City Manager Robert Walker  
Authority Counsel David Kahn  
Authority Secretary/Director of Community Development Hanson Hom  
Assistant to the Authority Executive Director Coryn Campbell  
Authority Clerk Gail Borkowski

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Authority Member Moylan moved and Authority Vice Chair Howe seconded to approve the Consent Calendar.

Authority Member Spitaleri stated he will abstain from voting on the Consent Calendar as he was not present at the June 24, 2008 Onizuka Local Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

VOTE: 6-0 (Authority Member Spitaleri abstained and Authority Member Lee teleconferencing)

**LRA 1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 24, 2008**

**STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jack Roberts spoke about the Blue Cube at Onizuka Air Force Base. Roberts stated that the people involved in making decisions do not have a lot of information about the history of the Blue Cube and his group can offer information that might be helpful when making a determination on the ultimate destiny of Onizuka. Roberts offered information about history of the Blue Cube and explained that there are many former employees and residents that would like to see the heritage of the facility preserved in some monumental and public manner.

*Approved by Onizuka Local Redevelopment on October 14, 2008*

Roberts requested that his group be kept informed and allowed to provide input into this process.

Authority Chair Swegles stated the City has not made a final decision and Roberts responded by asking that his group be allowed to assist the Authority in making their final decision. Authority Chair Swegles requested Roberts add an e-mail address to his speaker card and explained that staff will notify him of future meetings regarding Onizuka.

Authority Member Whittum inquired if Robert's group has a name. Roberts stated the group simply consists of former employees. Authority Member Whittum stated it might be a good idea that Roberts contact the Heritage Preservation Commission and offered to speak to Roberts after the meeting. Authority Member Whittum stated there appears to be more work to be done than providing input, such as materials that ought to be preserved.

Authority Chair Swegles stated Roberts might want to also contact representatives involved with the new Heritage Museum as they might be able to reserve a spot in the museum for items relating to the Blue Cube.

Roberts inquired if any part of Onizuka is being considered as a site for a possible museum and Authority Member Swegles explained that idea was not one of the recommendations. Authority Chair Swegles stated the three recommendations coming forward include an auto mall, hotel and conference center, and office buildings. Authority Member Swegles explained that Roberts can still offer input during the preliminary hearing in which the Authority will hear the recommendations on October 28, 2008, with the final recommendation being considered on November 25, 2008. Authority Chair Swegles explained Roberts can supply information to staff ahead of the October 28, 2008, hearing and additionally, the group may attend the October Onizuka Local Redevelopment Authority Meeting and offer additional input.

Ed McMahon, President of the Air Force Space Operations Association, provided an explanation to the Authority about his affiliation with the Blue Cube and spoke about its history. McMahon offered to share his information with staff and the Authority and also provided his email in order that staff may contact him.

Authority Member Whittum verified with McMahon that an article about the City considering an auto center at Onizuka recently ran in the magazine Aviation Week. McMahon stated that this article was upsetting and as president, he received numerous emails very concerned over that proposal.

Authority Member Whittum continued a conversation with McMahon regarding operations at the Blue Cube.

Assistant City Manager Walker explained that staff will also make sure that McMahon and Roberts receive a copy of the Heritage Preservation Commission report and also a copy of the action the commission took.

Harriet Rowe stated the two previous speakers have brought forward wonderful information about the history behind this facility. Rowe stated she would like the Authority to commission someone to do a miniature model, to scale, of Onizuka Air Force Base, including the antennas and the Blue Cube. Once complete, the model would be submitted to the Heritage Museum. Rowe also encouraged the Authority direct someone to take an oral history of the last two speakers, including pictures of them while they were working there. Rowe encouraged the City to use these resources to memorialize Onizuka.

Authority Chair Swegles stated that the developer of the site has recommended keeping the antennas to serve as landmarks for the property.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**2. LRA 08-003 Selection of Local Redevelopment Agency Executive Committee Members**

Assistant to the Executive Director Coryn Campbell presented the staff report.

Assistant to the Executive Director Campbell advised the Authority about a spelling correction in the staff report, as referenced on the revised page 3. Authority Member Moylan's name was spelled incorrectly on the original staff report, page 3 and a revised page has replaced this error.

Authority Member Whittum stated he would be interested in serving on the Executive Committee of the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Agency.

MOTION: Authority Vice Chair Howe moved and Authority Member Spitaleri seconded to approve Alternatives 1 and 2: The Authority retains the current members with Authority Member Swegles as Chairperson and Authority Member Howe as Vice-Chairperson for the Onizuka Local Redevelopment Agency (LRA), and the Authority selects Authority Member Moylan to serve with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the LRA to constitute the three-member LRA Executive Committee.

Authority Member Howe stated the amount of time that the Executive Committee has put in this year has been good experience and that experience should continue for another year.

VOTE: 7-0 (Authority Member Lee teleconferencing)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Authority Chair Swegles adjourned the Onizuka Authority Meeting at 11:37 p.m.

Gail T. Borkowski  
Authority Clerk

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Date