



# Minutes

## Lakewood City Council

Adjourned Regular Meeting held  
March 26, 2002

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**MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER** at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Van Nostran in the Executive Board Room at the Civic Center, 5000 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California.

**ROLL CALL: PRESENT:** Mayor Larry Van Nostran  
Vice Mayor Joseph Esquivel  
Council Member Wayne Piercy  
Council Member Todd Rogers (arrived 4:32 p.m.)  
Council Member Robert Wagner

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### **HOUSING STRATEGY FIELD TRIP/DISCUSSION:**

At 4:32 p.m., the City Council recessed to take a bus tour of areas in eastern Lakewood with housing needs.

At 5:22 p.m., the City Council reconvened with all members present.

Steve Copenhaver, GRC Associates, displayed slides and made a brief presentation about a proposed housing strategy plan. He noted that there were a series of areas and that a single strategy would not be appropriate for all of them. He reviewed the major issues such as aging housing stock; original construction of economical quality; maintenance concerns; and a decrease in owner-occupied properties. The goals of the study would include improved housing stock; dealing with code enforcement and property maintenance issues; identifying available funding; modernizing development standards; Housing Element requirements; and encouraging involvement of property owners. He advised that the study would begin with the collection of demographic and real estate data, crime statistics and needs for public improvements or facilities. He stated that the study would also address the feasibility of the formation of an additional redevelopment area. As part of the study, there would be neighborhood meetings and focus groups to identify neighborhood concerns and desires, as well as to educate residents on the potentials connected with redevelopment. He concluded by stating that a proposal would be presented to the Lakewood Redevelopment Agency authorizing an agreement for the conduct of a housing strategy focusing on the eastern portion of the City.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the City Council, Mayor Van Nostran adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise R. Hayward, CMC

City Clerk