SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SOURCE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

COMMENT: The Redevelopment Advisory Committee was established by Resolution 148-89 during the August 22, 1989 City Council meeting. Duties of the committee are:

1. To serve as an advisory committee only;
2. To review, comment and participate in the initial formulation of the preliminary and final redevelopment plan for the Porterville Redevelopment Project Area No. 1;
3. To consult with the Redevelopment Agency on policy matters which affect the residents of the Project Area; and
4. To perform other responsibilities as specifically requested and/or directed to be performed by the City Council of the City of Porterville and/or the Porterville Redevelopment Agency.

Included in the Resolution was the appointment by the Mayor of fourteen individuals as members of the Advisory Committee. To date, nine of the original committee members have resigned from the committee due to a variety of reasons, including no longer owning property, living, or working in the area, and there have been two new appointments to the committee to replace members that have resigned. At the present time, the Redevelopment Advisory Committee consists of seven members.

Resolution 148-89 states, “…that the establishment of a project Area Advisory Committee consisting of residences, business, and property owners and community organizations within the Porterville Redevelopment Project Area No. 1 would provide the desired community participation…”.

At the October 11, 2004 meeting of the Redevelopment Advisory Committee, the committee discussed the declining number of members of the group and felt that an increase in the membership would be beneficial to the committee. The committee agreed to request that the City Council appoint sufficient members to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee to provide for a nine (9) member Committee.
At the February 1, 2005 City Council meeting, Council was asked to appoint two new members to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee. At that time, Council desired additional time to consider individuals that meet the criteria for appointment and determine if those individuals were willing to serve.

During the March 15, 2005 City Council meeting, Council appointed members to the Parks and Leisure Services Commission. It was noted that Mr. John Hardin had submitted his name for consideration of the appointment and that Mr. Hardin worked in the Redevelopment Project Area. Mr. Hardin was not appointed to the Parks and Leisure Service Commission and, at Council’s direction, staff contacted Mr. Hardin who declined the offer to be considered for appointment to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee.

Mr. David Waite submitted a request for consideration of appointment to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee; however, neither Mr. Waite’s home nor his employment address are within the Redevelopment Project Area.

Staff contacted Francisco Madrigal and Daren Griswold to inquire if they would be interested in serving on the Redevelopment Advisory Committee and both stated they would be willing to serve. Both individuals are eligible to serve as they are either a property owner or employed within the Project Area.

The committee members are reappointed for service every three years, with the current members terms expiring on July 10, 2006. It is staff’s recommendation that Francisco Madrigal and Daren Griswold be appointed to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee for an initial term ending July 10, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Mayor appoint Francisco Madrigal and Daren Griswold to the Redevelopment Advisory Committee for an initial term expiring July 10, 2006