



LODI CITY COUNCIL

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION

Date: March 17, 2015

Time: 7:00 a.m.

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Informal Informational Meeting

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Presentation on the City's Efforts to Mitigate Homelessness (PD)

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

D. Adjournment

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City Clerk

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CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation on the City's Efforts to Mitigate Homelessness
MEETING DATE: March 17, 2015
PREPARED BY: Chief of Police

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Presentation on the City's efforts to mitigate homelessness.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Problems associated with the homelessness and transient population are affecting the quality of life in Lodi. In recent months, the Police Department has engaged other City departments and several community groups to explore short- and long-term solutions to reduce homelessness and mitigate its effect on the community.

The Police Chief will provide an update on the City's collaborative efforts with the Salvation Army, Lodi Community Foundation, local church leaders, and other stakeholders.

FISCAL IMPACT: Not applicable.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

Mark Helms
Chief of Police

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED: _____
Stephen Schwabauer, City Manager

Homelessness Solutions



Lodi City Council
Shirtsleeve Study Session

Police Department
March 17, 2015

Homelessness

- A Community Problem
- Affects Crime & Threatens Quality of Life
- Degrees/Dynamics of Homelessness
- Mental Illness & Chemical Dependency
- A Passionate (Divisive & Polarizing) Issue

Homelessness

- Top Concern of Lodi Residents, City Council
- Lodi's History of Compassion
- Churches Are Eager to Help, Meet Needs
- City Council's Financial Support of Salvation Army, Lodi House, etc.
- Lodi is a Comfortable, Safe, & Attractive to Transient Population

City of Lodi

Executive Work Group Meeting

October 2, 2014

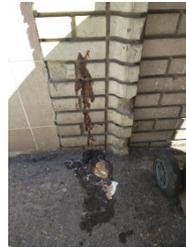
- City Manager
- City Attorney
- Police
- Community Development
- Public Works
- Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services
- Fire
- Library

Meeting Outcomes

Areas of Immediate Response:

- Parks (Lawrence, Salas, Lodi Lake)
- Downtown Area (Business District, Parking Garage, Transit Station, Library)
- Mokelumne River
- Gateways
- Research: What Works and What Doesn't?
- Engage the Community

Outcomes: Recent Police Action



Outcomes: Research

- Other Communities Have Vast Resources
- Identifying Enabling Behaviors
- Enforcement-only Approach Not Effective
- Collaborative Partnerships = Greater Success
- Desire a Coordinated & Centralized Effort (balance of enforcement, services, education, etc.)

Outcomes: Research

City of San Luis Obispo's "Dynamics of Homelessness" (2012):

- 20% Ready (want to)
- 40% Unable (cannot)
- 40% Resistant (will not) N = 1,592

Santa Barbara's Restorative Policing Program:

- Team of Sworn Officer, Community Service Liaison, Outreach Specialist for Chronic Homeless
- Est. Lodi Cost: \$375,000-\$400,000/Team

Outcomes: Research



Your kindness could kill

The money you give to those who beg may actually keep them on the streets. In most cases, you will be helping them to buy the drugs that could kill them. Give responsibly, support local charities instead. www.broadwaylondon.org www.thamesreach.org.uk

ThamesReach + safercity + CITY OF LONDON + METROPOLITAN POLICE + BROADWAY

GIVE HIM ENOUGH AND YOU'LL EVENTUALLY GET HIM OFF THE STREETS

The money given to homeless people on the streets is more likely to be spent on alcohol and drugs. It means more than helping them, you could be contributing to their death. So if you want to give, give to your local homeless charity instead. The Connection works throughout the Westminster area - helping homeless people from all over London - giving people the skills and confidence to make lasting changes in their lives. For more information, please visit connection-of-stmartins.org.uk/help

The Connection at St Martin-in-the-Fields
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"Rightly deployed, human compassion can move intractable social problems toward lasting solutions. Rechanneling this awesome force away from toxic activities and into transformative outcomes is not an unrealistic goal."

-Robert Lupton, from *Toxic Charity*

Toxic Charity

How Churches and Charities Hurt Those They Help

{ And How to Reverse It }

Northern Illinois Center for Nonprofit Excellence invites you to a luncheon event and exclusive dialogue featuring Robert Lupton, President and Founder of FCS Ministries and author of *Toxic Charity*.

Tuesday, September 23, 2014



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WHEN HELPING HURTS

HOW TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY WITHOUT HURTING THE POOR ...AND YOURSELF

STEVE CORBETT & BRIAN FIKKERT
FOREWORD BY JOHN PERKINS

SUPPORT SOLUTIONS, NOT ADDICTIONS.

Handouts don't help. If you give panhandlers money, you could actually be feeding their addiction. Donate to charity or give at these donation meters to make a difference.

MAKE CHANGE COUNT

- Higera @ Chorn
- Higera @ Court Street
- Higera @ Dora
- Higera @ Downtown Center
- Broad @ Marsh
- Chorn @ Marsh
- Monterey @ Chorn

www.SLOhelpthehomeless.com

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Organized Feedings in City Parks

- Benevolence of Church Groups, Others
- Not Coordinated
- Frequent Community Complaints
- Affects Public Health & Safety
- Contributes to Crime & Blight
- Enabling
- Salvation Army → Lodi Community Foundation



Progression of Stakeholder Meetings (October 2 – March 17)

- City of Lodi Executive Work Group
 - Police Department
 - Salvation Army
 - Lodi Community Foundation
 - Church Leaders
 - Grace & Mercy Charitable Foundation
 - Salvation Army Missions Committee
 - Lodi Ministerial Association
 - Lodi City Council

Chief's Priorities & Goals:

- Public Safety
- Quality of Life
- Build Consensus to:
 - Relocate Park Feedings
 - Inventory & Consolidate Resources
 - Find Long Term, Community-Based Solutions

What's Next?

Continue Building Momentum & Stakeholder Support

- People of Lodi
- City of Lodi (City Council, Staff)
- Salvation Army
- Lodi Community Foundation
- Grace and Mercy
- Churches
- Lodi Grape Festival
- Downtown Merchants
- Chamber of Commerce
- Non-Profit Orgs
- SJ Sheriff's Office
- SJ Behavioral Health

Next: Develop & Implement a Plan

- May Include:
 - Centralized, Coordinated Approach
 - Partnership with Salvation Army, Churches, Others
 - Establish a Resource Center
 - Homeless Liaison Officer
 - County Agencies
 - More



For Council Consideration

- Questions, Comments, Direction
- Support the Concept
- Support Development & Adoption of an Action Plan
- Ad Hoc Committee Led by LCF?