

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 6, 2012, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Katzakian, Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, and Mayor Mounce

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, Deputy City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Review of the Annual Community Development Block Grant Funding Requests in the 2012/13 Action Plan (CD)

City Manager Rad Bartlam briefly introduced the subject matter of the 2012/13 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests.

Neighborhood Services Manager Joseph Wood provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding CDBG funding requests. Specific topics of discussion included the annual allocation process, federal reductions in the CDBG program, application process, City projects and services, factors to be considered for review, funding availability, public service funding and requests, and CDBG process for current year allocations.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated the supplemental County money was a part of the separation process and one-time funds.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated there is a concern about losing funds if there is balance left over from a project that is not reallocated because the May 30 snapshot of the fund balance cannot exceed one and a half times the total allocation for the year.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the 7.5% for Fair Housing Services is based on the number of clients it has in Lodi in comparison to the rest of San Joaquin County including Stockton.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Wood stated the results of the scoring matrix, including the final numbers for each project, will be provided at the public hearing.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated the Second Harvest Food Bank is a stable non-profit organization that continues to increase its services despite the City's allocation remaining the same or decreasing because its funding comes from a variety of sources.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated the Meals on Wheels program is still operated through the County and an application for CDBG funding was not received this year. Mr. Wood stated the Loel Center is still working on taking over the program from the County.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated he will forward to the City Council a list showing an inventory of services available in the community, including food and shelter, as

requested.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood confirmed that Community Partnership for Families is located in the same building as the Human Services Agency.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated the El Concilio program is an expansion of the existing program indicating organizational experience with youth programs.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Wood stated the family reunification service is designed to keep families together to ensure children are not placed into the foster care program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the Loel Center would like to demolish the building on Washington Street because it is becoming costly to keep up the utilities and insurance and the demolition would be in furtherance of its future goals for that property.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Suzanne Mangum representing Lodi House, stated the newly-acquired triplex for transitional housing has 21 to 26 windows that need to be replaced.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated the Housing Authority is now aware of the process for certification to become eligible to receive CDBG funding and will likely be pursuing the same in the near future.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the Housing Authority request is approximately 80% of the \$201,618 total project cost for one house.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated the final recommendation on this allocation will reflect that the Housing Authority is not eligible to receive funds at the current time.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Wood confirmed that the 60/40 split for City and community based projects is Council policy and not a binding mandate.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Bartlam and Mr. Wood confirmed that there are other Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues other than curb cuts listed in the Transition Plan, which may be eligible for CDBG funding.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Bartlam stated CDBG funds were used to address ADA improvements at the Grape Bowl facility.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated the Council previously provided direction on a 15-year loan in connection with ADA improvements at the Grape Bowl and formal application and approval is pending.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the \$246,216 figure includes public facilities and services for community based organizations.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated the scoring matrix will provide the City Council with the background and project readiness of the specific requests.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Bartlam provided a brief overview of the 60/40 split policy previously approved by the City Council, stating facility projects come before service projects.

Dan Crowne spoke in support of an ongoing allocation for the spay and neuter program.

Suzanne Mangum spoke in support of an allocation for the Lodi House transitional housing project.

Dale Gillespie spoke in support of the County Meals on Wheels program being administered by the Loel Center and the efforts to date regarding taking over the program prior to the existing contract expiration in September 2013. In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Gillespie stated the County grant covers approximately 70% of the program administration including meals and delivery. Mr. Gillespie also spoke in support of the demolition of the Washington Street property in furtherance of the future goals of the Loel Center.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated he will provide the City Council with an update regarding the affordable senior housing project by Eden Housing.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated the \$111,000 is one-time program income from two outstanding loans from the County.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk