

**LODI CITY COUNCIL  
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2011**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 8, 2011, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Review of the Annual Community Development Block Grant Funding Requests in the 2011/12 Action Plan (CD)

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

Neighborhood Services Manager Joseph Wood provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the annual CDBG funding requests in the 2011/12 Action Plan. Specific topics of discussion included the annual allocation plan, third year as entitlement community, federal reductions in CDBG program, application process, factors considered during review, funding availability, scoring matrix for community based organization (CBO) requests, public service funding, City funding, and process for public hearing, action plan approval, and submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated through the County the City was receiving approximately \$700,000 and separately as an entitlement agency the City is receiving approximately \$850,000.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated the City previously went through the County and separated approximately three years ago as an entitlement City.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wood stated ten applications were received this year and that number is down from previous years.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the County intends to finish service on existing contract for the home meals delivery program until 2012, at which time LOEL will be able to provide a proposal to service the North County service area.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wood stated he will provide a breakdown of the \$30,000 request for the home delivery meals program at the public hearing.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the Emergency Food Bank did indicate last year that it was the last phase but it has identified additional need.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the Housing Authority request involves six additional units.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wood stated there is an additional challenge associated with the Loel Center request for acquisition of property, which may eventually trigger a relocation in the future.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the City missed the funding for the Tienda affordable housing project by 12 to 14 points because it was a rather competitive year but he is confident that the City will do well in the third round of applications and the construction will commence in 2013.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated two alleys were previously done and three are starting this spring at a cost of approximately \$100,000 to \$150,000 each and the City Council can allocate additional funds for alleys if it desires.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Bartlam stated staff has barely touched the surface on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curbs because \$100,000 does not go very far at four curbs per intersection.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated Public Works sets the priorities for alley improvements and also compares the improvement locations with its future construction schedule for the area.

In response to Mayor Johnson, Mr. Wood stated spending the \$180,000 in a timely manner with the ADA improvements for the Grape Bowl is not a concern as the funds will be expended quickly.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Bartlam stated the first phase of the Grape Bowl had a set aside of \$250,000 in CDBG funding including the \$180,000.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated Fair Housing works on issues associated with landlord-tenant disputes, habitability concerns, and discrimination issues.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the City Council can decrease the \$20,000 for Fair Housing if it desires.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the County will operate the Home Delivered Meals Program with or without the City's contribution of \$30,000.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Bartlam stated the Grape Bowl is a regional facility and similar to other City facilities is only eligible for CDBG funds based on disability and access reasons.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce, Mr. Wood stated the City Council can fund both the main Salvation Army request and the window replacement if it so desires.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated agencies are closely monitoring the status of federal CDBG funding and proposed reductions and a seven to nine percent reduction is likely.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the proposed family units are within the existing footprint of the Salvation Army through a renovation.

In response to Tony Amador, Mr. Bartlam stated the County used to charge a 6% administration fee for the CDBG program, the City has not hired additional people to administer the program, and the County is requesting the \$30,000 to fill a gap due to budget constraints but will continue

to administer the program for home delivered meals regardless.

Linda Castelanelli spoke in regard to the economic challenges facing the spay and neuter program and the need for continued funding of the same.

In regard to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Wood stated the newly proposed family units at the Salvation Army, which will allow certain families to stay together, will need to meet ADA requirements.

Council Member Nakanishi and Mayor Pro Tempore Mounce suggested a greater emphasis be placed on alley improvements in future years.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl  
City Clerk