

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 11, 2014, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: Interim City Manager Schwabauer, Interim City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl-Olson

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Review of the 2014/15 Community Development Block Grant Funding Requests and Development of the 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan (CD)

Neighborhood Services Manager Joseph Wood provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2014/15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests and consolidated plan. Specific topics of discussion included the consolidated plan process, additional considerations, annual allocation process, funding availability, projects and services, service funding, and next steps.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated meetings were advertised in the Lodi News Sentinel and through the Lodi Improvement Committee. Mr. Wood stated that, while there was only one person in attendance at the general meeting, there were approximately 40 to 45 people at the focused outreach meeting and approximately 12 people at the development meeting.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated that, with respect to requested translation services for CDBG related documents, the cost would be assumed by CDBG funding as a part of the administration of the program.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated over the last several years fewer outside agency applications have been received because there are several local needs, including spay and neuter and graffiti abatement, that are routinely funded and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is starting to focus in on this issue.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated the People Assisting the Lodi Shelter organization may be able to receive funding through a foundation for one of the national pet store chains, which may allow for an offset of the CDBG funding for this need. Mr. Wood stated HUD is less focused on the funding of graffiti abatement because it has a wider impact on residents throughout the target area. Mr. Wood stated that HUD may also be focusing on the statistics showing that low-income minorities in the target area are not the direct beneficiaries of the spay and neuter program.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood confirmed that HUD appears to be looking more favorably upon programs that provide direct benefit to residents, such as food delivery, versus more general service-oriented programs such as spay and neuter.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood stated there are 8 applications this year and 11 were received last year.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Wood provided a brief overview of how the requests related to small business assistance and tutoring and mentoring tie into the overall goals of job creation and at-risk youth engagement in the target area.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Wood stated the 60-40 policy is set by the City Council and can be modified based on the City Council's preference.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Wood stated he will provide the costs associated with euthanizing animals at the shelter on the April 2 meeting as requested.

In response to Mayor Katakian, Mr. Wood stated the issue of whether or not the City is providing matching funds for the spay and neuter program is secondary for HUD because it is looking at the direct benefit received by residents in the target area.

Daniel Crownover, a former member of the Lodi Animal Advisory Commission, spoke in support of funding for the spay and neuter program.

Maria Rosata, representing Lodi Worknet, spoke in support of providing funding for programs that serve the residents on the east side of Lodi and bringing awareness of the availability of such programs to those who are in need.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk