

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 19, 2016, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Johnson, Council Member Nakanishi, and Mayor Chandler

Absent: Council Member Mounce, and Mayor Pro Tempore Kuehne

Also Present: City Manager Schwabauer, City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Ferraiolo

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Library Teen Scene Project (LIB)

Library Services Director Dean Gualco provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Library's Teen Scene project. Specific topics of discussion included agenda, Library by the numbers, Homework Help Room, how the role of the Library has changed, need for a teen area, Library's vision, what can be offered with a teen area, proposed Teen Scene, and cost/timeline.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, City Manager Schwabauer stated that the Library has 249 volunteers, representing over 300,000 hours of volunteer time at a value of over \$676,000.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Literacy and Volunteer Manager Yvette Herrera stated that the Library receives grant funding from the State library system for the Adult Literacy Program and has a collaborate effort with the school district for the Homework Help Program, but no financial support.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Ms. Herrera stated that the State grant is roughly \$31,000 and is based on the State economy and what it is willing to share, adding that three years ago the City received no funding. In further response, Ms. Herrera stated there are 127 adult literacy programs in the State library system; however, she was uncertain what the school district offers in homework help, other than after-school tutoring services. Mr. Gualco stated that the City is involved with the Bridge Program, explaining the district pays the City, which includes tutoring services, and the district receives funding via State grant. Mr. Schwabauer further explained that the Bridge Program is a flat, fully-funded State grant at five schools with the same program existing as a paid program at the remaining schools. Mr. Gualco stated there is a cap on the number of participants that can enroll in the Bridge Program and there is typically a waiting list; whereas, the Library's Homework Help Program is available to anyone.

Council Member Johnson suggested that the Greater Lodi Area Youth Commissioners could be tied into a teen Library program, either as an adjunct or volunteer, to help in creating opportunities and activities that would be appealing to young teens. Mr. Gualco agreed, adding that the Library Teen Scene will include a coffee bar; it may remain open until 10 or 11 p.m. on some nights; and may offer activities such as SAT testing preparation and debates to engage youth and give them a place to go. Library staff has worked with other successful libraries to see what works and what does not and additional concepts may be added in the future.

Sam Harper with WMB Architects reviewed the schematics, renderings, and the existing and proposed floor plans for the Teen Scene area.

In response to Mayor Chandler, Mr. Harper stated that the existing brick wall is behind the group study area and that the existing mechanical system will be relocated.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Gualco stated that staff learned that the existing mechanical system is in proper working order, despite the age of the unit, and it is unnecessary to upgrade it; however, there is also a generator in the area that is no longer necessary because the Library does not function as an Emergency Operations Center any more and it will be removed.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Harper stated that the design takes security into account, explaining that the top of the block wall is 7.5 feet high, which should prevent individuals from hopping over to sleep in the patio area.

In response to City Attorney Magdich, Mr. Harper stated that there are methods to muffle or diminish the sound from the mechanical pieces that impose on the patio area, including mechanical options and orientation of the fan that would blow away from the space. He stated that, essentially, it will be more like a low-level white noise, with which the Library Board of Trustees, who brought up the same concern, was satisfied.

Mr. Schwabauer pointed out that Mr. Gualco approached him two years ago with an idea for additional capital work at the Library, part of which was funded through fundraising campaign efforts of the organization and Mr. Gualco, as well as holding various positions open, leaving those dollars in the Library to fully fund some of these projects.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Schwabauer stated that, over the last 2.5 years, a total salary savings of roughly \$360,000 helped toward the construction of these projects.

In response to Council Member Nakanishi, Mr. Gualco stated that the Library spends a significant amount of funding on adults, adding that \$400,000 was spent over the last few years to build four new adult literacy rooms and \$120,000, versus \$40,000 three years ago, was spent on books, the majority of which are for adults. With regard to noise, Mr. Gualco stated that libraries tend to have more noise these days because they contain fewer materials on-hand and more congregation areas. He felt that prohibiting conversation in the library would drive away patrons, but the noise does need to be controlled. Having the Teen Scene area separate with a back area and patio may help diminish noise.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Gualco stated that proposals are already underway to address the administration office that would recapture some of the back office space and reclaim it for public use.

Mayor Chandler thanked Mr. Gualco for his leadership and energy, stating that the Library is indeed another Lodi jewel.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items - None

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

Jennifer M. Ferraiolo
City Clerk