

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

September 13, 2011

6:00 P.M.

CARNEGIE FORUM – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

305 W. PINE STREET

Lodi, California

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6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Minutes August 9, 2011 – Regular Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Announcements/Presentations

Agenda Items:

- A. Local Organization Presentation
- B. Abundant Communities Event
- C. Follow up on Issues from Previous Meetings

Department Reports

- Community Development
- Police Department
- Public Works

Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)

Comments from Board members on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)

New Business

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Adjournment

Pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code of the State of California, this agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the regularly scheduled meeting (or 24 hours in advance of a special meeting) at a public place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

Joseph Wood
Neighborhood Services Manager

LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2011

6:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL

BOARD		STAFF
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	
Robert Takeuchi (Chair)	Sunil Yadav	Joseph Wood, CDD
Tim Litton (Vice Chair)		Araseli del Castillo, CDD
Fran Forkas		
Lisa Nixon		

MINUTES

July 12, 2011 – Regular Meeting

LIC Member Tim Litton motioned to approve the minutes. LIC Member Lisa Nixon seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance, as of 6-23-11, was \$331.58
Check #1081 to Henderson Bros for the Main Street Building downspout: \$53.68.
Service charge on 7-21-11: \$3.00
Ending balance, as of 7-21-11 was \$274.90

Mr. Forkas approved a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Mr. Litton seconded. The motion was approved unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wood stated that as per the last meeting we would give the opportunity for the two vacant positions to be re-posted through the City's clerk office to try to fill them. We received one person interested and he brought another person of interest. The application period began August 3rd and will run through September 3rd. At that point we will have an idea if there additional applicants. Mr. Wood stated the Mayor will move at that point as far as filling in the vacant positions.

Mr. Takeuchi stated it will be likely that position will be filled if there are applicants.

Mr. Wood replied yes.

Mr. Takeuchi stated that this year is the 50th anniversary of the Lodi sister City relationship with Kofu, Japan. Kofu, Japan is visiting Lodi and we will be commemorating a whole bunch of activities with Lodi this weekend ending on Monday. If any of you can make it you are welcome to attend the festivities. Mr. Takeuchi stated we have another sister City in Lode, Italy and that one is not near fifty years old yet.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review and Amendment of By-Laws

Mr. Wood stated that after discussion at the last meeting to consider reducing the membership from seven to five members, it was decided to table that reduction for now, but there were a significant number of corrections noted throughout the By-Laws document that should be cleaned up. I have made the suggested changes in the following Articles:

- Article IV, Sections 1 and 3
- Article V, Sections 1 and 2
- Article VII, Section 1

A draft language is attached for your review. Any language that is to be removed is highlighted with a strike through and any new language is highlighted and bold.

Mr. Wood stated the first change is on page 3. Article V, Section 1
The Executive Officers shall consist of a Chairperson **and a** Vice-Chairperson. New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in April.

In Section 3

Adding Executive **Officers** rather than Board Members

Article V, Section 1

All revenues of the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be administered through the **City of Lodi Finance Department** and into which all donations, gifts, or other revenues raised by the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be placed. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board, subject to City Council overview and signed by one Executive Officer.

Article V, Section 2

The fund account for the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be audited as part of the City's regular annual audit.

Mr. Takeuchi asked if the City will agree to have just one person to sign checks.

Mr. Wood replied we can have it listed to have both Executive Officers must sign.

Page 4, Article VII, Section 1

After the transition described in Article III, Section 2 is complete, fifty percent (50%) plus one of all directors then serving on the Board shall constitute a quorum and may conduct business at any regular meeting.

Mr. Wood stated beyond that it's just changing the signature page.

Mr. Wood stated regarding the issue of the membership and reducing it down, I can bring that up at the next meeting. Mr. Wood stated September 3rd is the closing date and we will know if we have at least two applicants. If we have less than two I will have a sit down with the Mayor and the City Clerk and express to them the issue of possibly reducing to down to five and we will go from there.

B. Follow up on Issues from Previous Meetings

Main Street Project

Mr. Wood stated that Brad Doell from the Lodi PFA has identified two other lifts that would be available. It is finding a date and I suggest we choose two dates because they are going to have a meeting to discuss this issue. They are going to have their personnel look at their calendars to select several dates so they can have a really good turn out. Let's compile all our dates and let see what dates work best and go from there.

Nuisance Issue at 200 W. Lodi Ave.

Mr. Wood stated that he has pulled preliminary information from Lodi PD and there does appear to be high number of calls for service. I've asked the patrol sergeants for more information but have not heard back yet. I did talk with Mr. Lowe earlier this afternoon and in my travels in the evening things have quieted down. Summer is the busiest time but now that kids are back to school maybe things will tone down. I don't want to wait and I suggest we still try to get the owner of McDonalds to the table and make them aware of it.

Mr. Lowe a public member stated that the property is owned by CeCe Yin.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Community Development

Planning Commission – Past Action

None

Neighborhood Services Division

None

Building Division

B. Police Department

- **District/Watch Commander**

- **Community Improvement Unit/Code Enforcement**
None

C. Public Works

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

A. Looking Ahead

- **September 13th**
- El Concilio/Hispanic Business Committee – CoC/Mex-Amer Lions Club
- Neighborhood Forum regarding nuisance activity reported at 200 W. Lodi Ave. – McDonalds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Araseli del Castillo, Recording Secretary



MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Community Development Department

To: Lodi Improvement Committee
From: Joseph Wood, Neighborhood Services Manager
Date: September 12, 2011
Subject: Staff Report for Regular Meeting of September 13, 2011

I. Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance, as of 7/22/11, was \$274.90.
Ending balance, as of 8/23/11, was \$274.90.

II. Announcements/Presentations

A. None

III. Agenda Items:

A. Local Organization Presentation

In the past, the Lodi Improvement Committee has invited local agencies and organizations that serve this community to make a brief presentation regarding their service to the community in order for the LIC to learn a little more about what and how they do what they do. The LIC, in turn, has used these opportunities to share the LIC's goals and mission with these visiting agencies and organizations, with the hope that there are some common issues where the LIC and these visiting agencies can work together.

For this month, we have arranged to have presentations from the following organizations to discuss issues related to serving the local Hispanic community:

- Jose Rodriguez, President of El Concilio
- Annette Cassias – Hispanic Business Committee Chair – Lodi Chamber of Commerce
- Francisco Trujillo, Community Partnership for Families
- Lodi Mexican-American Lions Club

B. Abundant Communities Event

There is an event scheduled for Wednesday, November 16th, in Clovis, CA, that will draw from communities up and down the Central Valley to discuss issues related to "providing positive change in neighborhoods".

The event will feature John McNight and Peter Block, authors of the book The Abundant Community. The basic message is the potential of tapping into individual, family, and community responsibilities, relationships, and actions to help rebuild

community competence and capacity for producing positive results in our neighborhoods and communities.

As a member of the Smart Valley Places Compact, a group of 14 Central Valley communities that received Federal funding to pursue projects related to sustainability, the City of Lodi has been invited to put a delegation together to attend this event. As a member of the Smart Valley Places Compact, they are arranging to provide bus transportation for each of the participating cities, but we need to confirm no later than September 16th.

C. Follow up on Issues from Previous Meetings

Main Street Project

The first portion of the project, encompassing the lower portion of the building was completed on June 18, 2011. An e-mail was received from Brad Doell, Lodi PFA, in which he stated that he has a friend that owns a couple lifts that he said he would donate for the completion of our project. Brad still suggests that we still get lifts from United Rentals as it will speed the painting process up. He will also talk to a few firefighters that are very artistic and see if they are interested in the painting of the apparatus bay door.

A date needs to be set for the next and hopefully final phase of work.

Nuisance Issues at 200 W. Lodi Avenue

I've pulled preliminary information from Lodi PD and there does appear to be a high number of calls for service. I've yet to get any follow up from the patrol Sergeants, but at this point with school starting up again, it appears the issue has died down considerably. I do feel that this is an issue that we should revisit before next summer, so I can calendar this for either March or April next year, and at that time have representatives from the owners present to discuss viable options.

IV. Department Reports

A. Community Development Department

- **Planning Commission**
- **Neighborhood Services Division**
- **Building Division**

B. Police Department

- **District/Watch Commander**
- **Community Improvement Unit/Code Enforcement**

C. Public Works

V. New Business

A. Looking Ahead

- **October 11th**
 - *Forum on Homeless Issues at Lawrence Park*
 - *Amendment of By-Laws*