

LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2013

6:00 P.M.
ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

February 12, 2013 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Takeuchi made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Ditmore seconded it. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No funds at this time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wood made the following announcements:

- A. The filing for the Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) is due by April 1, 2013. There will assess a \$10 per day late fee for any filing received after April 1st. If there are any questions please contact the Clerk's office.
- B. Mayor Nakanishi has scheduled three town hall meetings this year. The first one was held on March 7th and focused on *How City Council, Management and Commissions work*. The next town hall meetings are scheduled for:
 - June 20th – *Crime and gangs*.
 - September 19th – *Lodi Electric Utility Department*.The meetings are held at the Carnegie Forum and will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- C. Arbor Day/Great American Clean Up Day event is scheduled for Saturday, April 6th, 11 A.M. at the new Roget Park. Mr. Wood will be attending with Spring Cleanup materials and also provided the Board Members with a schedule of Keep Lodi Beautiful Events.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. **2013/14 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

Mr. Wood reported the following:

That the City has participated in the CDBG Program since 1985. In May 2009, the City Council decided to exercise an option to do a direct entitlement and receive the funds directly from HUD. In doing so we have a direct relationship with HUD which gives us more freedom on how we want to allocate the funds. The key document that provides us the guidelines on how we want to allocate the funds is the Consolidated Plan. It is a five-year plan that outlines and gives us certain goals

and objectives of how the funds will be used to meet the community needs. We are starting our fifth year of our first Consolidated Plan. We will be reviewing what we have done the past five years and see if we have met any goals or followed any of the objectives that were established and establishing the goals and objectives for the next five years with use of CDBG funds.

Another key element of our Consolidated Plan is Citizen Participation Plan. HUD puts a great emphasizes on community involvement in this entire process.

Mr. Wood gave a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Lodi CDBG Program.

Mr. Wood stated they have a contracted with a firm that provides administrative assistance in administering the program and that the cost is covered out of the administrative set-aside. As the overall grant funding has been reduced, so is that administrative set-aside, that administrative help will likely go away. Therefore, it will help greatly to do community outreach and bring in people to the Lodi Improvement Committee meetings to try to address some of these issues. We need their input and comments on what we are doing and what we need to do with CDBG funds. When these funds are used what should be the goals and objectives.

Oscar Orozco – representing the Lodi Rainbow Project stated he is confused where the funds come from. Is this a government program or from the City of Lodi budget? Mr. Wood replied the funds come from Federal Government. Our Federal tax dollars go to a number of HUD programs and CDBG is one of them.

B. Follow up on Issues from Previous Meetings

Expanding LIC Back to 7-Members

Mr. Wood stated that at the February meeting it was mentioned the concept of expanding the LIC back to seven members. Mr. Wood checked with the City Manager and he would not support the change unless there is an overwhelming need or is directed by City Council, it will stay at five. Mr. Yadav stated people are losing interest in coming to the LIC these meetings because the LIC has no power to make any changes.

2012/2013 Goals and Objectives

Cherokee Lane

Mr. Wood asked if the LIC would like to schedule some meetings on the Eastside. The idea may be to specifically list issues on Cherokee Ln where CDBG funds can be used. Mr. Yadav asked if this can wait until the tax season is over.

Eastside Afterschool Programs & Activities

* Bringing Junior Giants back in 2014. There is also a soccer club interested in practicing and playing on the Eastside.

Community Improvement Award

* No properties for consideration at this time.

Main Street Project

- * E-mailed Rad about the LPFA to coordinate and finish the project off on the weekend of April 6th on Great America Clean Up Day. Mr. Wood is finishing up the windows so they can be inserted.

Movie Night at the Park

- * Nothing planned at this time. Planning for a summer event should begin no later than April 1st.

Soliciting Financial Support

- * Mr. Wood has not heard back from F & M Bank. The person the letter was sent to is on maternity leave.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Curt Juran – 225 S. Avena – President of Wine In 2 Water stated they are doing a fundraiser for the Lodi Youth Running Club on Saturday, March 16th from 7-10 PM @ the Olde Icehouse Cellars, Main & Locust St. Tickets are \$20 and all proceeds will go to the Lodi Youth Running Club.

Oscar Orozco – Head Chair and Founder of Lodi Rainbow Project stated that last year he was given the task to do a Garden Project on any vacant lots on Cherokee Ln. to community gardens. He apologized for not being able to start it due to schooling.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

A. Looking Ahead

- April 9 – *Election of Officers*
- April – *Goal-Setting Session?*
- May 14
- June 11 – *Cancel or Reschedule*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Araseli del Castillo, Recording Secretary