

# LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2013

6:00 P.M.  
ROLL CALL

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

## MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11th Special Meeting were presented to the LIC for review and approval.

Mr. Forkas made a motion, seconded by Mr. Takeuchi, to approve the minutes as submitted.

### VOTE:

The above motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes, Chair Mr. Yadav, Mr. Forkas, Mr. Litton, Mr. Takeuchi.

Noes: None

Absent: Mr. Ditmore

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Mr. Wood announced that Mayor Nakanishi's final town hall meeting is scheduled for:
  - September 19<sup>th</sup> – *Lodi Electric Utility Department*

The Town Hall meetings are to be held at the Carnegie Forum – Council Chambers and will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### **A. Follow up on Issues from Previous Meetings**

2013/14 Goals and Objectives

- Main Street Project  
Mr. Forkas identified the employees from Public Works– Water/Wastewater as the new volunteer group to take this project over. He suggested that the remaining plywood inserts should be ready to go relatively soon as this new group is ready to move forward.

- Cherokee Lane  
Chair Sunil Yadav discussed having a template for signatures for all Cherokee Lane businesses. There was additional discussion of the original Cherokee Lane corridor/median project from 1996.
- New Fire Station #2 Design  
Letter to be drafted by Mr. Wood asking for Lodi Fire, City Manager and City Council to consider incorporating Joint Use/Community Room in the new Station 2 facility.
- Community Outreach through Social Media  
Mr. Wood is still reviewing City policies.
- Soliciting Financial Support
- Monitoring Alley Improvement Projects  
Mr. Wood stated that Phase IV will be starting this summer and that he is asking Public Works to consider the north-south alleys located between Sacramento Street and Church Street and the alleys located between Main Street and Stockton Street.
- Consolidated Plan Development  
Mr. Wood stated that California Human Development–WorkNet will be assisting with the community outreach meetings with the Hispanic and Pakistani communities. Outreach sessions with the general public and focused minority groups will take place from August through October. Outreach with the development community specific to housing needs will take place from November through January.
- Eastside Afterschool Programs & Activities  
Mr. Wood stated that the Care Lodi Program is starting this summer through the One-Eighty Teen Center and that a project summary was attached to the staff report. Work will also begin on coordinating a new Junior Giants Program in Lodi for 2014.
- Community Improvement Award  
Mr. Wood mentioned that the Lodi News-Sentinel building may be worthy of consideration and asked LIC members to take a look and provide some direction at a future meeting.
- Gang Program  
Mr. Wood stated that the Youth Outreach Unit took 11 at-risk youth to Mule Creek State Prison on June 22<sup>nd</sup> to take part in an Intervention Program that they offer. As a follow up to that, they took 10 of those 11 youth to Great America the following weekend.

#### Nuisance Issues at Lodi Avenue McDonalds

Mr. Wood provided an update on actions taken by the local McDonalds ownership to address concerns that had been brought up at the LIC meeting last year.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**A. Community Development**

**Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

**Neighborhood Services Division**

Mr. Wood stated that they are applications to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for HOME Program funding for the following projects/activities have been submitted:

- Senior Rental Housing Project with Eden Housing (Tienda Drive) - \$5.6M
- First-Time Home Buyer (FTHB) Loan Program - \$700,000

**Planning Division**

Mr. Wood reported that housing development is in the planning stages for the area north of Lodi Avenue and west of Lower Sacramento Road. Additional development plans are being prepared off of Lower Sacramento Road, south of Kettleman Lane.

**B. Police Department**

- **District/Watch Commander**

None

- **Community Improvement Unit/Code Enforcement**

None

**C. Public Works**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Sunil Yadav advised that the owner of the Motel 6 that hosted our last Special Meeting has offered the use of that space whenever the LIC needs it. Mr. Wood suggested that a letter of appreciation be drafted and brought back for signature.

Tim Litton provided follow up comment regarding the community garden project.

Bob Takeuchi suggested that local service organizations be included in that community garden discussion as well.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

**A. Looking Ahead**

- August 13 – Community Garden Forum
- September 10 – Consolidated Plan Workshop
- October 8
- November 12 – *Chair Sunil Yadav will be absent.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Joseph Wood, Staff Liaison