

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

April 14, 2009

6:00 P.M.  
ROLL CALL

<b>BOARD</b>		<b>STAFF</b>
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	
Fran Forkas (Chair)		Joseph Wood, CDD
Sunil Yadav		Kari Chadwick, CDD
Stephen Jarrett		Lt. Steve Price, PD
Robert Takeuchi (Vice-Chair)		
Eileen St. Yves		
Rosie Ortiz	Joe Spinelli	
Reyes Jaramillo		

**MINUTES**

January 13, 2009 – Regular Meeting  
February 24, 2009 – Special Meeting

Mrs. St. Yves motioned to accept, Mr. Takeuchi 2<sup>nd</sup> it.  
Approved unanimously

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Ortiz reported the ending balance 843.93

Mr. Takeuchi motioned to accept, Mrs. St. Yves 2<sup>nd</sup> it.  
Approved unanimously

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Wood stated that it is time to turn in the 700 Forms to the City Clerk’s Office.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Election of Officers**

**Chair**

Mr. Jarrett nominated Robert Takeuchi for Chair, Mrs. St. Yves 2<sup>nd</sup> it. There being no more nomination the vote was called for and approved unanimously.

**Vice-Chair – Stephen Jarrett**

Mr. Takeuchi nominated Stephen Jarrett for Vice-Chair, Mrs. St. Yves 2<sup>nd</sup> it. There being no more nomination the vote was called for and approved unanimously.

**Treasurer – Rosie Ortiz**

Mr. Takeuchi nominated Rosie Ortiz for Treasurer, Mr. Forkas 2<sup>nd</sup> it. There being no more nomination the vote was called for and approved unanimously.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- **Community Development  
Planning Commission**

1800S. Cherokee Lane – Request to Modify Use Permit

Joseph Wood gave a brief report based on the information in the staff report. Now that the City Council has approved the modifications to the Ordinance it is now going before the Planning Commission to revise their Use Permit.

Mrs. St. Yves asked if this item will be going before the City Council again once the Planning Commission rules on it. Mr. Wood stated that the only reason it would go back to the City Council is if the Planning Commission decision is appealed.

Mr. Takeuchi asked about the types of games that are allowed and why the cardroom is not playing what is allowed by the State. Mr. Wood stated that the City's Ordinance had restrictions placed on the types of games to be played. Mr. Jarrett added that the City's Ordinance before amended did not allow all of the same games as the State. The State has a broader selection of games and then it is up to the individual cities to regulate their own jurisdiction. Lt. Price added that the Cardroom Ordinance amendment has been reviewed and approved by the Police Department.

Mr. Takeuchi asked for clarification on why the Planning Commission is making this decision. Mr. Wood stated that this is a land use decision and that falls under the Planning Commission's purview. Mr. Takeuchi stated his concerns regarding the moral issues and the image that surrounds a cardroom. Mr. Jarrett gave a brief report on the decision and discussion that occurred at the City Council meeting.

**Planning Commission past action:**

None

**Neighborhood Services Division**

2009/10 CDBG Funding – Entitlement Process

Joseph Wood gave a brief report based on the information provided in the staff report. Mr. Wood is encouraging the Lodi Improvement Committee (LIC) members to push for an ad-hoc Committee to address the alley drainage issues.

Mr. Forkas asked about the funding source. Mr. Wood stated that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used.

Mr. Jarrett asked about the City needs verses Non-Profit needs and the distribution of the CDBG funds. Mr. Wood stated that the demand was very high. Mr. Jarrett stated that two of the Non-Profit Organizations that requested funds are not local, City of Lodi, Organizations. Mr. Wood stated that one is required funding throughout the county and one is a food bank out of Manteca that serves all of the San Joaquin County. Mr. Jarrett stated that the third Organization is the LOEL Center for a kitchen remodel (\$238,000). Mr. Wood stated that the kitchen is going to be used for the Meals-On-Wheels project that has gone un-funded. Currently the center is delivering frozen

dinner once a week and the goal is to deliver hot meals daily. The business plan for this project has not been submitted yet. Discussion continued regarding the Fair Housing portion of the funds. Mr. Jarrett stated his dislike for being required to use the CDBG funds toward certain organizations.

- **Police Department  
District/Watch Commander**

Lt Price stated that more communication is being asked for with the neighborhood watch program leaders. There are still some bugs to be worked out with the program, but the department is working on them. The Parolee Supervisory release program is being fine-tuned. Special Enforcement operations are taking place within the high crime districts. Traffic unit has applied for a DUI Grant. DUI check points will be paid by a special program and not out of the City's general fund. Seatbelt enforcement and suspended licenses are also a focus of the Special Enforcement Unit. On June 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rowe will be retiring and that leaves two Lt's on patrol, Lt. Carillo and Lt. Price, and that will alter the schedule which means that Lt. Carillo will be covering the LIC meetings starting in June.

Mr. Takeuchi asked how many vacancies the department has currently. Lt. Price stated that there are twelve vacancies currently, six of which are sworn positions. Mr. Takeuchi asked what the most prominent issues are impacting the department. Lt. Price stated that to pinpoint one specific item is tuff, but the lack of personnel is the number one problem in the department. Discussion continued regarding the staffing issues.

**Community Improvement/Code Enforcement**

None

- **Public Works**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute limit per speaker)**

None

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)**

Mr. Yadav stated that Mr. Pantel died from a heart attack this last week.

Mr. Mustin stated that Arbor Day went well.

Mrs. Ortiz asked about 428 Maple Street. Mr. Wood stated that he would send Ms. Aldred another email and will follow-up with this property at the next meeting. Mrs. Ortiz stated that 430 Maple Street is now becoming an issue.

Mr. Takeuchi encouraged everyone to attend the Special Meeting on Saturday. He also stated his appreciation for the nomination and election to the Chair position.

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Mr. Jarrett asked about what needs to be done with the position that Mr. Spinelli holds. Mr. Wood stated that will be discussed at the Special Meeting on Saturday. Discussion took place regarding a few more items to be brought up at the meeting.

Mr. Forkas announced that the Public Works Department has recently lost two employees with over 30 years experience one to retirement and one to a fight with cancer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Issues for discussion at future meetings.**

- ❖ Is there any specific material or information that you want to have available for the April 18<sup>th</sup> Goal Setting Meeting?

Mr. Wood stated that the City will not be providing lunch for the meeting do to budget issues and offered to bring in breakfast. There were many objections to Mr. Wood purchasing food for the meeting on his own.

Mr. Takeuchi motioned to have lunch paid for out of the Lodi Improvement Committee bank account, Mr. Jarrett 2<sup>nd</sup> it.

The vote was 7-1 (Yadav –No)

Discussion occurred regarding items to be brought up at the meeting.

Mr. Forkas would like to see discussion on Public Works infrastructure project status.

Mr. Mustin asked about last years goals. Mr. Wood stated that those will be a part of the packet for the meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, it was, on motion duly made by Mr. Mustin and Mr. Jaramillo seconded, adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Chadwick, Recording Secretary