

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MINUTES**

April 24, 2010

9:00 A.M.
ROLL CALL

BOARD		STAFF
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	
Robert Takeuchi (Chair)	Tim Mustin	Joseph Wood, CDD
Reyes Jaramillo (Vice Chair)		Araseli del Castillo, CDD
Rosie Ortiz (Treasurer)		Lt. Patterson. LPD
Eileen St. Yves		Jamie Aldred, LPD
Fran Forkas		
Sunil Yadav		

MINUTES

None

TREASURER'S REPORT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Goal-Setting Session for 2009/10

Mr. Takeuchi stated Mr. Wood passed out a review and our goals we set in 2009/10.

- **Eastside Summit**
Mr. Takeuchi stated they did all that they could. We approached the City Council, wrote to the City Council. This is being held by the City Council and we will be getting involved to the extent they want us to get involved.
- **Affiliation with Keep California Beautiful**
Mr. Takeuchi stated we have done a really good job with this Mr. Mustin is keeping strong ties with Keeping California Beautiful but also as our person responsible for the beautification with the Lodi environment.
- **More communication with the public**
Mr. Takeuchi stated we accomplished this. We have had wonderful sessions here in regards to the gangs and the situation with the Main St. Improvement which is in full force right now.

- Presentations from various agencies, such as the Loel Center, Community Partnership for Families, El Concilio, etc.

- **Celebration on Central**

Mr. Takeuchi asked Mr. Wood if they are going to contact us when they get the ball rolling.

Mr. Wood replied through the Community Partnership for Families we know that Hilda was given an assignment in the Stockton office. She is only able to handle so much. When they are prepared and have the capacity to come back to us, we will take it at that point and see what the committee might be able to do. The City and the Community have done everything they could to take it to this point.

- **Committee Membership**

Mr. Takeuchi stated we have accomplished the reduction from 9 to 7 due in large part that Steve Jarrett has resigned. We are now down to 7 members.

- **Increase participation with other agencies/organizations.**

- i. **Lodi News Sentinel**

Mr. Jaramillo asked what our goal is for the news paper. What do we want from them? Do we want them to attend our meetings?

Mr. Takeuchi replied what we want is for them to support our activities. Mr. Takeuchi asked that Mr. Jaramillo and himself go and talk to Marty at the Lodi News Sentinel regarding a couple of these projects so they can take a lead in terms of implementing some of the things.

- ii. **LOEL Center**

- iii. **Mexican/American/Other ethnic groups**

- iv. **County agencies**

- v. **Youth commission/LUSD**

- **Water Meter installation**

None

- **Affordable Housing – General Housing issues**

Mr. Wood stated we received an award from the state for the Down Payment Assistance Program. I would expect we will around mid point next week with the states blessing on our program guidelines. We have to take this to Council on May 19th. Once we take in the application and do the review, we take this to a committee. It may come forward that someone from the public is asked to participate. It may be prudent to someone from the Lodi Improvement Committee or the Finance/Budget

Committee to participate in those. If so, is this something that the Lodi Improvement Committee is interested.

Mr. Takeuchi replied sure.

Mr. Wood stated he is not sure but he wanted some feedback in case it is brought up.

- **Gangs/Gangs Intervention**

Mrs. St. Yves stated Dee Porter worked with the gangs in town when we first started this committee. She had a dialogue with them that was unbelievable. She got these kids to do things that the average person couldn't do. She volunteered for this committee in the mid/late 90's.

Mr. Wood replied to keep harping on the City to have gang intervention and prevention program in place that is effective.

Mr. Takeuchi stated that we completely backed off. The point is that subject can be done again.

Mr. Takeuchi suggests that we partner with the Police Dept. and go to schools and speak about gang intervention.

Mrs. Ortiz suggested we talk to the Bridge Program which is a boys and girls club. To them involved also.

Mr. Wood mentioned that Mrs. St. Yves mentioned Dee Porter. Her program was called the Gang Alternative Project. That was funded through Community Development Block Grant. When we did have our gang forum here the program out of Stockton, that is something we probably could find a way to qualifying as Community Development Block Grant funds. It's that type of program that is required here in this community. It's a matter of providing additional funding to them so they can provide some of their resources here. They have been doing it without the cities participation. Mr. Wood stated in order to address the gang issue we have here we need that type of intervention program. Some folks came forth in the meeting we had about this that would be good candidates to move into that program and try to provide them the staffing they need to do their efforts here.

Mr. Takeuchi stated he's trying to distinguish where this group the Lodi Improvement Committee get's involved or doesn't get involved. What happened in Stockton was great but we chose wisely not to get involved in that. We have other things on our plate. We have to be very careful of what activities we want to get involved in. I think the Block Grant is a great idea but should the LIC get involved is my point.

Mr. Wood replied that this board could facilitate things for the public.

Mrs. St. Yves mentioned she really thinks we need to get the parents involved.

Mr. Takeuchi replied that is an easy thing to say but it is hard thing to do. I think we need to focus on what we can do because there are only a number of things that we have time to do.

- **Main Street Project**

None

- **Outreach to LUSD on Quality of Life issues**

Mrs. Ortiz suggests a person go to school and represent the Lodi Improvement Committee and talk to them. When we get a speaker at our school they charge an arm and a leg. They don't want to do it for free but if it comes from our committee maybe they will listen.

Mr. Jaramillo offered to go to the schools and talk to the kids.

Mr. Takeuchi entertained a motion to have Ray Jaramillo be our representative to start this program with the schools of the Lodi Unified School District.

Vote was approved unanimously.

Mr. Ken Vogel mentioned he will get Mr. Wood some information on a program the County partially funds with the Stockton Unified School District. I talked to Lodi before because it does require a little investment by the district and it may not be possible now but I will get you some information on that.

Mr. Wood stated there will be some changes in the City. Mr. Blair King will be moving to Coronado and our current Community Development Director, Rad Bartlam will be our interim City Manager. At this time it is unclear if he would consider putting in an application for permanent position. I would not expect to see another permanent City Manager for another 9-12 months because of the finances of the City.

Mr. Wood mentioned that in this next year we have the Tienda Dr. Senior Housing Project that is moving forward hopefully within the next 30 days. They are going to do continued outreach as this project goes on. We have plans submitted for four new single family dwellings on the East side on Oak St. Two of the properties are through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The other two are funded through Urban County Home Program. Mr. Wood stated we are affecting affordable housing.

The Chair will entertain a motion to designate Reyes Jaramillo to go to LUSD and educate the kids about gang intervention.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Community Development

*** Planning Commission**

*** Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

*** Neighborhood Services Division**

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B. Police Department

- **Community Improvement/Code Enforcement**

C. Public Works

None

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

Mr. Vogal mentioned that whatever the county can do to support what's going on or your needs please let me know.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (5 minute limit per speaker)

Mr. Jaramillo asked the member from the Public Mr. Vogal what his thoughts are sitting from the public. Are we doing the right thing? Are we boring you?

Mr. Vogal replied you are doing the right thing. You are exploring things for the community. I think you are on the right course. I like the idea of meeting outside this venue someplace out in the community.

Mr. Takeuchi invited Mr. Vogal for lunch.

Mr. Yadav invites everyone to the SIKH church to a religious luncheon.

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Mr. Forkas stated he got some bids from three different fencing companies ranging in price from \$7800 to \$7400 through Steve Dutra from the Parks & Recreation Department. The water department will contribute 50% of the cost for the fencing. I will be meeting with Steve Dutra, Charlie Swimley and the company from the lowest bid on Monday and we are all in agreement we will go ahead and request a purchase order.

Mr. Takeuchi asked who is going to pay the other 50%.

Mr. Forkas replied the Parks Department.

Mr. Forkas stated he met with Dennis Callahan from the Public Works Dept. We toured the fire house. Mr. Forkas stated they are going to try to get Henderson Bros. to come in and fix the façade, the section that is missing on top.

Mr. Forkas stated he is hoping that Tony Segale will paint the board in the windows to make it look like a real window. On the left side of the building, there is a door. I am proposing that Tony Segale paint that black and on the center he paints a picture of the old fire engine. Mr. Forkas suggests the color be a light green and the trim a darker green.

Mrs. Ortiz asked about getting new T-shirts. Her question was if they are still going to order some was her question.

Mr. Yadav stated he got a quote for \$284.00.

Mrs. St. Yves wants it to be noted that last years Chair is the one who pays for the shirts.

Mr. Takeuchi mentioned to Mr. Wood that they need business cards.

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

A. Looking Ahead

- * May 11th - Transportation Dept.
- * June 8th - Code Enforcement Presentation
- * July 13th - Rich and Marty

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was, on motion duly made by Mr. Takeuchi adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ARASELI DEL CASTILLO, Recording Secretary