

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA  
LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**May 11, 2010**

**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 April 13, 2010 – Regular Meeting**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Announcements/Presentations**

**Agenda Items:**

- A. Presentation/Discussion with Richard Hanner, Editor, Lodi News-Sentinel
- B. Follow Up on Items from Previous Meetings

**Department Reports**

- Community Development
  - Planning Commission
  - Neighborhood Services Division
- Police Department
  - District/Watch Commander
  - Community Improvement/Code Enforcement
- Public Works

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

**Comments from Boardmembers on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)**

**New Business**

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

**Adjournment**

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JOSEPH WOOD  
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**DRAFT**

April 13, 2009

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

**MINUTES**

March 9, 2010 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Yadav motioned to approve, Ms. Ortiz seconded. Approved unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ending balance is \$700.00

Ms. St. Yves motioned to approve, Mr. Yadav second it. Approved unanimously.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Takeuchi mentioned that on April 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a strategic planning meeting starting at 9 a.m. There will be a luncheon served out of our proceeds.

Mr. Wood mentioned that anyone who has not submitted their 700 form needs to do so immediately to the City Clerks office. She is assessing fines.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Election of Officers**

Mr. Takeuchi suggested they go in reverse order so we will know who is going to be the Chair. The people who are not elected for treasurer, for example might be available to be Chair. I think we should start with Treasurer, Vice Chair & Chair. Is that alright Mr. Wood?

Mr. Wood replied sure.

Mr. Takeuchi asked if there were any nomination for motion for Treasurer. Mr. Ortiz had stated she was going to step down but has reconsidered. She wants to stay on as Treasurer. Mr. Takeuchi mentioned is everyone agreed, we can vote her in by acclamation.

Mr. Yadav stated he thinks we should rotate every year to give a chance to other people.

Mr. Takeuchi replied the only problem with that is that we have to change cards every year.

Mr. Yadav replied we have to change cards anyways for the new Chair & Vice Chair.

Mr. Takeuchi stated that the Chair is open to other comments from the committee.

Mr. Takeuchi announced Rosie Ortiz will continue as Treasurer.

Mr. Takeuchi asked if there were any nomination for Vice Chair.

Ms. Ortiz nominated Mr. Yadav as Vice Chair.

Mr. Yadav stated he does not spend enough time as a Vice Chair and I am very busy so I should step down.

Ms. St. Yves nominates Mr. Jaramillo as Vice Chair.

Mr. Takeuchi announced Mr. Jaramillo as the new Vice Chair by acclamation.

Ms. St. Yves would like to nominate Mr. Mustin as Chair.

Mr. Takeuchi is concerned that this person is not here and he may not accept.

Ms. Ortiz would like for Mr. Takeuchi to continue as Chair.

Mr. Takeuchi accepts to be Chair.

**B. Follow Up on Items from Previous Meetings**

- \* Mr. Wood would like to start with the Main Street project. We do have a commitment from Temple Baptist Church. They will volunteer their time and also provide a small amount of funds to help cover the material cost for a project.
- Mr. Wood stated we are looking at May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the Clean Up. Mr. Wood stated he would like to focus on the fire station as a definite project and any other property owners who respond from now and then. Mr. Wood stated he has not heard back from the railroad.
- \* Mr. Takeuchi asked what we expect to accomplish on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- \* Mr. Wood replied since we can't do anything to these buildings for the next 10-15 years why don't we at least make the exterior look nice. Do some façade improvements such as paint. I would like to do something different with the windows other than showing a board. We can get a piece of plywood and cut out the window and paint close to what some of the pictures show what it uses to look like.

### **Japan Town**

- Mr. Takeuchi stated he would like to talk briefly about Japan Town. Mr. Takeuchi stated that Tony Segale is going to make an effort to establish an art center in Lodi. We want to develop an International Center on the East side. We want to take advantage of the history in this area and it will be the first in California.
- Mr. Takeuchi stated that Ms. Clemente gave a short presentation here before. She is in the process of doing the ground work to prepare an application to make some of the buildings in the Old Japan Town a historical landmark.

### **Old City Hall Building**

- Mr. Jaramillo asked Mr. Wood in regards to the fire station building. He stated he could have a friend come and make an assessment.
- Mr. Wood replied he would like to talk with Mr. Forkas in regards to this and try to wrap this up this week.
- Mr. Jaramillo asked about landscaping. Is there anything going to be done about that?
- Mr. Wood replied he would like to focus on the building itself, the physical structure of making it look nice.

### **Celebration on Central**

- Mr. Wood stated there has been no response from Community Partnership for Families for the Celebration on Central event.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Community Development**

- \* **Planning Commission**

\* **Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

\* **Neighborhood Services Division**

**First Time Home Buyer Program**

- Mr. Wood stated they revised their guidelines. His concept was to review them and get back to us within a week and get back to us and that will allow us to present them to City Council on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and kick the program off the following day. Mr. Wood mentioned he has not heard back from the State. Mr. Wood stated he hopes by the end of May we should have this program running. We have a list of 20-30 people on a waiting list. We will be busy once we get the go ahead on this.
- Mr. Wood stated a lot of the folks who are interested want to take advantage of the tax credit. I think this may not be available anymore once we get this program up and running. That is an additional frustration for our customers.

**B. Police Department**

• **District/Watch Commander**

Lt. Patterson mentioned with the pending retirement of Chief Main. This will leave a large hole in our manager staff for quite some time.

Lt. Patterson stated in the last few weeks we have had a lot of gang violence. We have taken a very proactive stance in this. About 8-9 of the more violent gang members have been sent to the state prison so hopefully this will cripple some of the issues we are having right now.

Lt. Patterson stated that towards the downtown business district we have been dealing with some difficult juvenile that have been vandalizing and making some customers uncomfortable. There is a town hall meeting scheduled for next month that hopefully we will get some other avenues to deal with this issue.

Mr. Takeuchi asked if you think this has to do with David Mains departure.

Lt. Patterson replied being it is almost summer time and kids are out more and with the downtown area. Parents leave their kids out there and we are their babysitters.

- **Community Improvement/Code Enforcement**

Ms. Aldred stated she has been working on the software to get that ready.

Ms. Aldred mentioned she will be meeting with her staff and have them brain storm for a clean up in the next 2-3 months. I would like them to be more pro active and creating projects for us to work on as a group.

**C. Public Works**

None

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

None

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

Mr. Jaramillo asked Lt. Patterson what he can tell him about medicine marijuana growing in Lodi.

Lt. Patterson replied he cannot speak on that. Corporal Chaban did the studies for the Chief on that. Lt. Patterson stated he does not have the numbers to give you a proper stance on that without some of the criteria Corporal Chaban who did the studies on that.

Mr. Jaramillo asked what we can do to check if a neighbor is doing this legally.

Lt. Patterson replied to call the Police Dept. and they can check to see if they have a medical card for this, also to see if they have the proper amount of plants and are following the guidelines.

Ms. Ortiz stated she has a lot of gang activity in my area. What can I do about that because I live on Maple St? 407 Maple is full of gangsters and they are constantly creating a lot of problems with our neighbors. For example, they have broken their windshields three times already. We cannot catch them on the act but we know it is them.

Lt. Patterson replied that you need to call the Police Dept. A couple of those addresses I know and am familiar with. A lot of the parents allow this to go on. I've been dealing with the fathers and now the sons. You also have early release. As a community if we all get together and continually call and let us know what is going on, let see what we can do.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

- \* Mr. Wood stated that transportation manager would like to do a presentation before the Improvement Committee to view the route changes and to provide an update on various transit items. They would like to do that at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- \* Mr. Wood stated he saw in the Lodi News Sentinel blog where Rich and Marty are inviting people to invite him to speak at their meetings. I can reach out for the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- \* Mr. Takeuchi replied you can invite Maggie Kreamer who covers government groups so you can invite her to be covered in the newspaper. I would like to get some publicity for all of us.

**A. Looking Ahead**

- \* April 13<sup>th</sup> – Election of Officers
- \* April 24<sup>th</sup> – Special Goal-Setting Session
- \* May 11<sup>th</sup> - Transportation Dept.
- \* June 8<sup>th</sup> - Code Enforcement Presentation
- \* July 13<sup>th</sup> – Rich and Marty

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, it was, on motion duly made by Mr. Takeuchi adjourned at 7:14 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:** May 7, 2010  
**Subject:** Staff Report for Regular Meeting of May 11, 2010

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**I. Announcements/Presentations**

**II. Agenda Items:**

**A. Presentation/Discussion with Richard Hanner – Editor, Lodi News-Sentinel**

Mr. Hanner has agreed to come and make a presentation to the LIC regarding his paper's role in the community.

This will be a very good opportunity for the LIC to have dialogue with a representative of the Lodi News-Sentinel regarding how they might be able to work together on certain issues.

**B. Follow Up on Items from Previous Meetings**

This allows discussion of and possible action on any items that have been before the LIC previously, including but not limited to:

- Main Street Project
- Celebration on Central
  - I recently met with Hilda Bohacek, Site Director for the Community Partnership for Families' in Lodi. She explained that she had been temporarily reassigned to a project in Stockton and apologized for the absence. Now that she is back in the Lodi office, she has been given direction to have a condensed Celebration on Central on June 26<sup>th</sup>. The event would be scaled back to fit within the parking lot at Joe Serna School. She plans on attending this meeting to discuss this issue.
- Spring Clean Up Projects
- Tree Lodi

**III. Department Reports**

**A. Community Development Department**

**Planning Commission**

**Neighborhood Services Division**

First Time Home Buyer Loan Program

The City received a grant award of \$800,000 in State HOME Program funds from the State Department of Housing and Community Development for a First Time Home Buyer Loan Program. In the past the City has operated a similar down-payment assistance (GAP) loan program using HOME Program funds through the Urban County. When the City separated from the Urban County to become an Entitlement community directly with HUD, those federal HOME funds then became available from the State of California, but on a more competitive basis. It is expected that this allocation of \$800,000 will provide enough funding to operate our program for the next 24 – 30 months and we would likely be able to apply for another allocation of funding in August of 2011.

While we have been awarded the funding, we have been delayed in getting our program up and running as we had been waiting for the State HCD approval of our Program Guidelines. That approval was given on April 26. We have scheduled a Shirtsleeve presentation to Council on May 11<sup>th</sup> and will bring them back to Council on May 19 for approval. Once approved, we will distribute application packets to the 29 people that are on the current waiting list.

#### **B. Police Department**

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

#### **C. Public Works**

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Looking Ahead**

- **June 8<sup>th</sup>**
  - Review of route changes and provide an update on various transit-related items.
- **July 13<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 10<sup>th</sup>**