

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

June 8, 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 24, 2010 – Special Meeting
May 11, 2010 – Regular Meeting**

Treasurer's Report

Announcements/Presentations

Agenda Items:

A. 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



MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Community Development Department

To: Lodi Improvement Committee
From: Joseph Wood, Neighborhood Services Manager
Date: June 4, 2010
Subject: Staff Report for Regular Meeting of June 8, 2010

I. Announcements/Presentations

- Wednesday, June 9th – 4pm Hand Up Homeless Outreach Meeting at Downtown Thrift to discuss plans for homeless assistance.
- Wednesday, June 9th – 7pm - Special City Council Meeting to discuss Redevelopment.
- Tuesday, August 3rd – National Night Out

II. Agenda Items:

A. 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
 - The Clean up took place on Saturday, May 22nd, and there was good turn out from the Temple Baptist group. They did a tremendous job on the UPRR property and along the alley.
 - We are looking to schedule a light wash down of the building the week of June 14th, with the painting to follow.
 - Volunteers from Temple Baptist have also painted the window inserts, so those will be ready to install after the painting.
- Celebration on Central
 - I've had on-going meetings with Hilda Bohacek and the Community Partnership for Families' in Lodi. They are moving ahead with a condensed Celebration on Central on June 26th on the campus of Joe Serna School. The focus of this event is Health and Wellness, so I'm not sure whether the LIC wishes to participate with a booth in the event.
 - However, I do need help getting the stage and some tables that are being borrowed from the Parks & Rec Department, to the school on Thursday, June 24th, from 9am-11am. I will be out of town that day and on the day of the event. Neighborhood Services will have a booth there to promote the First Time Home Buyer Program, but that will be manned by Ms. Del Castillo.

III. Department Reports

A. Community Development Department

Planning Commission

Neighborhood Services Division

B. Police Department

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

C. Public Works

IV. New Business

A. Looking Ahead

- **July 13th – Cancelled**
 - **Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 20th**
- **August 10th**
- **September 14th**

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA MINUTES**

DRAFT

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

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DRAFT

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Tim Mustin		Jamie Aldred, LPD
Sunil Yadav		

MINUTES

April 13, 2010 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Takeuchi would like to address a typo on the first page to change Mr. Ortiz to Mrs. Ortiz

Mr. Mustin motioned to approve, Mrs. Ortiz seconded. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ending balance is \$611.31

Mr. Yadav motioned to approve, Mr. Jaramillo second it. Approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wood asked if anyone from the public wishes to address to please come to the podium.

AGENDA ITEMS

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

Mr. Hanner thanked everyone for inviting him here. Mr. Hanner has been working as a journalist in Lodi for almost 20 years. The newspaper industry is in transition. We are working very hard to hold onto our readers and advertisers. Our challenge is that we have a lot of content online. We are giving our content away but we did that in hopes of bringing advertising online as well. Mr. Hanner stated that eighty to eighty-five percent of our revenue comes from the paper you receive on your front porch every day.

Mr. Hanner stated he spoke with Maggie Creamer, the City Hall reporter this morning about coverage about the committee. She stated she has not had a chance to come and cover the committee. Mr. Hanner mentioned Maggie is a fine report and she would like to attend more of these meetings but in the mean time if

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you see an issue that is worth more focus from us, let me know or Maggie. Mr. Hanner stated they are working with a shrinking news room. We haven't had to lay anyone off from the news room. We are trying to cover more and more with the same amount of people.

Mr. Takeuchi mentioned that we are a volunteer committee group. Our focus is on the Eastside because that's where things are happening peaking our interest at the moment. We are a community based group that's looking at give back to the community to take care of problems in the community.

Mr. Takeuchi stated that he personally subscribes to both the Lodi News Sentinel and the Sacramento Bee and that he is thinking seriously of cancelling the Sacramento Bee because the Lodi News Sentinel is so good.

Mr. Takeuchi stated he would like to partner with the Lodi News Sentinel so that you have a proprietary interest of what we as a group are doing. I would like the Lodi News Sentinel to take more of an active interest. For example, we have had a meeting on gangs and would like your help reaching out to the community.

Mr. Hanner replied that he would like to help out with the possibility of exploring options. I don't we have had a chance to check in depth look at the gang problem in Lodi like we would like to. I would be open to discussing that with you and possibly meet along with Maggie and Leila.

Mr. Takeuchi mentioned that another project we are working in Lodi is Japan Town. I would like to see that expanded into an International center. I think we can lend a better hand if we had input and assistance from the only news paper in town.

Mr. Hanner replied that this is a very compelling vision you have and would love to learn more about it.

Mr. Jaramillo asked what we can do to get the news paper more involved with this committee. Would it be possible to get someone here at each meeting and educate the public what we are focusing on and what we are talking about at our meetings.

Mr. Hanner replied to get Maggie here for every meeting would not happen. I hesitate to give you a promise I cannot keep. Mr. Hanner stated he can offer a regular column you can write where you appoint a correspondent to keep the community up to date.

Mr. Yadav stated that in the past one of our board members have sent you e-mails about what we are doing here and it was never printed is what we heard. Also, when we hold meetings here if you can print something or write it where we can fill these chairs. We want to let them know we are here to resolve any issue they may have.

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Mr. Hanner replied if you have sent an e-mail I apologize if I did not respond but I don't recall receiving an e-mail. I think the column idea would help you because you can write any upcoming meetings.

B. Follow Up on Items from Previous Meetings

- **Main Street Project**

Mr. Wood stated he met with Brian Siken from Temple Baptist Church out on Main St. this afternoon to give him an idea of what we are looking at. We are gearing for May 22nd to focus on the Fire Station Jail/City Hall clean up. We want to get the painting contractor out there a week before and pressure wash the building in coordination with Municipal Utilities so they can have their vacuum truck out and keep out anything from going into the storm drain.

Mr. Wood stated Parks & Recreation and Public Works agreed to invest in the new fence around their corporation.

- **Celebration on Central**

Mr. Wood stated he spoke with Hilda Bohacek who works with Community Partnership for Families this week. She was pulled from the Lodi office and sent to Stockton without any warning. She apologized for being non responsive but it was out of her control. Mr. Wood stated she has been given direction to have a condensed Celebration on Central on June 26th. The event would be scaled back to fit within the parking lot at Joe Serna School.

Mr. Yadav stated he would like to attend on the committees behalf.

Mr. Wood stated he will keep in touch with her and pass everything along to Mr. Yadav.

- **Spring Clean Up Projects**

None

- **Tree Lodi**

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Community Development

* **Planning Commission**

Mr. Wood stated he received word through the City Attorney's office this afternoon that the courts have come back and removed the stay the Wal-Mart Super Center project allowing the Wal-Mart project to start moving forward with the understanding that more than likely within the next ten days that one of the groups will come forward with an appeal and it will be side lined again.

Mr. Takeuchi replied that this sounds like a never ending process and it sounds like this committee should take up to give an overview of what's going on so that the public can be informed.

Mr. Mustin stated he would like to stay out of that battle.

Mr. Takeuchi replied he does not want to get into it but to air what's going on.

Mr. Wood stated that the legal standing on this is that it all revolves around the Environmental Impact Report and the court required that the City go back to two specific areas on the report. Those were addressed and resubmitted to the court. The court stated that was sufficient and addressed the concerns and gave the o.k. to proceed. Mr. Wood stated the challenge will be from any of the opponents is that no that the Environmental Impact Report is still not sufficient.

* **Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

* **Neighborhood Services Division**

- **First Time Home Buyer Loan Program**

Mr. Wood stated the approval was given on April 26. We have scheduled a shirtsleeve presentation to Council on May 11th 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. This will be a good thing.

B. Police Department

- **District/Watch Commander**

Lt. Patterson would like to talk about Tera Place area. That has improved in the last couple of months. I am very happy with that.

Mr. Yadav stated we appreciate what your department is doing.

Lt. Patterson stated with the limited staff they have, he is happy with what they have been able to do.

Mr. Jaramillo asked if Lodi does Ride-alongs.

Lt. Patterson replied yes, you would fill out a form and turn it in.

- **Community Improvement/Code Enforcement**

None

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)

Ms. Ortiz asked Lt. Patterson what they can do with our neighbor kids. They play with a basketball and they throw it over our fence getting into our flower beds and fruit trees.

Lt. Patterson replied if she has contacted the Police so we can talk to them.

Ms. Ortiz replied yes but it has not helped.

Lt. Patterson stated that maybe a mediator needs to get involved and hopefully if the parents are charged with something maybe this will stop.

Mr. Jaramillo thanked Lt. Patterson for his presence and asked where he can get a form for the ride a long.

Lt. Patterson replied to give him his address and he will get it to him.

Mr. Yadav mentioned that the Chair is buying twelve T-shirt and the total is \$137.00. The cost for six is \$68.54.

Mr. Takeuchi stated for Mr. Yadav to have everything in order and bring it up at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

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A. Looking Ahead

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee, it was, on motion duly made by Mr. Takeuchi adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ARASELI DEL CASTILLO, Recording Secretary