

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

June 8, 2010

6:00 P.M.  
ROLL CALL

<b>BOARD</b>		<b>STAFF</b>
<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	
Robert Takeuchi (Chair)		Joseph Wood, CDD
Rosie Ortiz (Treasurer)	Fran Forkas	Araseli del Castillo, CDD
Tim Mustin		Lt. Patterson. LPD
Sunil Yadav		
Eileen St. Yves 6:13 p.m.		
Reyes Jaramillo (Vice Chair) 6:27 p.m.		

**MINUTES**

April 24, 2010 – Special Meeting  
May 11, 2010 – Regular Meeting

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Ending balance is \$610.69

Mr. Takeuchi made a motioned to approve ending balance.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Takeuchi stated that Mr. Mustin announced his resignation from the Lodi Improvement Committee. Mr. Takeuchi accepts his resignation. Mr. Mustin will be on the advisory committee at St. Anne’s Parish.

Mr. Mustin replied that he was approached to be on the advisory committee because he has a first grader there. To do both would be too much. Mr. Mustin stated it has been a pleasure working with everyone here.

**Keep America Beautiful**

Mr. Mustin’s recommendation still stands to not be a part of the program they have which is basically having one of their representatives come to Lodi to train us on how to go into our own community to recruit volunteers for clean up initiatives. Mr. Mustin stated it still may be a \$3500 cost with a \$250 annual cost.

**Tree Lodi**

Mr. Mustin stated that we missed Tree Lodi Arbor Day as a Lodi Improvement booth organization. Mr. Mustin stated he had trouble getting their President, Gordon Schmere to return e-mails sent. Yesterday, I spoke with Joyce Harmon and she expressed an

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interest to come and speak to the Lodi Improvement Committee. I asked her to contact Joseph on a date.

Mr. Takeuchi thanked Mr. Mustin for what he has done. Good luck in your St. Anne's appointment and come visit us.

Mr. Mustin replied that it has been a pleasure working with the Lodi Improvement Committee.

Mr. Wood stated that tomorrow at 4 p.m. will be the Hand-Up/Homeless Outreach Group at the Downtown Thrift located on Sacramento St. across the street from the Transit Station. The meeting is to do a proposal for a Homeless Village. Virginia Snyder brought up this concept of a Homeless Village with sheds that would be acquired by various sponsors, churches. Mrs. Snyder is trying to find a location. Mr. Wood states this is not a viable alternative. We will be meeting with John Moore from San Joaquin County and Mr. Vogel to bring the perspective towards ending homelessness.

Mr. Wood stated there will be a Special City Council meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. to discuss redevelopment.

Mr. Wood stated that Tuesday, August 3rd is National Night Out. There are some activities planned through the Police Dept.

Mr. Takeuchi wants the record to show that Mrs. St. Yves just arrived at 6:13 p.m.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **A. Follow Up on Items from Previous Meetings**

#### **Main Street Project**

Mr. Wood stated that we had a great turn out on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from Temple Baptist group. They did a tremendous job on the UPRR property and along the alley. Mr. Wood stated that one of the volunteers from Temple Baptist is a contractor and he had some equipment nearby. He got his front loader and scraped the lot. Mr. Wood stated he purchased the plywood for the window inserts and provided it to Temple Baptist. They have painted those to look like windows. Mr. Wood stated that at this point he is looking at scheduling a light wash of the building on June 14<sup>th</sup>. I will coordinate with the painter who wants to volunteer to paint the building.

Mr. Takeuchi stated he is afraid of the liability issue.

Mr. Wood replied the issue was having volunteers out there when dealing with lead paint. Mr. Wood stated we have a painting contractor providing the labor and materials.

**Japan Town**

Mr. Takeuchi stated that he has had several meeting with Suga Moriwaki who we initially discussed this Main Street Beautification and also with Bill Hinkel who is an ex City employee and President for many years of the Japanese/American Citizens League here in Lodi. Mr. Takeuchi states that very little has been done with respect the Japan Town that he thought was well underway.

Mr. Wood replied that what is being done is not by the JACL or anyone here in Lodi. It is being done by a grad student out of Sacramento.

Mr. Takeuchi stated there is some question as to whether she is doing the leg work getting information for somebody else to do the application.

Mr. Wood replied that she is doing the leg work necessary in order to get it up to that point and to complete her studies. If the JACL wants to pick it up at go at it, they can. If not, it won't be done. This is not something the City will do.

Mrs. St. Yves asked if the reason that no one has responded to the mailings sent is because of Karen Clemente.

Mr. Wood replied he is not sure if she has mailed anything to those owners.

Mr. Takeuchi wants it to be known that Mr. Jaramillo arrived at 6:27 p.m.

Mrs. Ortiz asked if there is a phone number where Mrs. Clemente can be contacted.

Mr. Takeuchi replied he has talked to her a couple of times. She is involved in this one aspect of it and that is the historic preservation of these physical buildings. What she is accomplishing is not what I'm talking about.

Mr. Wood stated he has Karen Clemente's e-mail. He will e-mail her and follow up to see where she is at and get back to you at the next meeting.

**Celebration on Central**

Mr. Wood stated he spoke with Hilda Bohacek is the local site coordinator. They are moving ahead with a condensed Celebration on Central on June 26<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Joe Serna School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The focus of this event is Health and Wellness Fair. Mr. Wood stated we are looking for some assistance to get some things from Parks & Recreation as far as a stage and tables.

Mr. Wood stated he will be out of town the day of this event. Neighborhood Services will have a booth there to promote the First Time Home Buyer Program, but the will be manned by Mrs. Del Castillo. We are not looking for a booth for the Lodi Improvement Committee.

Mr. Wood states he needs someone there on the 24<sup>th</sup> from 9-11 a.m. to help getting the stage and some tables that are being borrowed from the Parks & Rec. Department to Joe Serna School.

Mr. Jaramillo replied he can help.

Mr. Wood replied thank you. He will get some more information from Parks & Rec. to make sure what will need to be done.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Community Development**

#### **\* Planning Commission**

##### **\* Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

#### **\* Neighborhood Services Division**

None

### **B. Police Department**

#### **• District/Watch Commander**

Lt. Patterson has a couple updates in regards to Tera Place. The family that has caused the most issues the last several months has moved to the County somewhere.

Lt. Patterson stated that the school board is voting for two school resource officer positions. That will have a significant down fall for us if they are not going to fund the other two positions.

Lt. Patterson spoke about the “Operation Safe Summer” that was in the paper. There were approximately seventy-five people arrested on numerous charges. Twenty of those seventy-five were documented gang members.

Mr. Yadav asked if what you did a helpful scare some gang members and for them to go away from the City.

Lt. Patterson replied that this was an attention grabber for everybody. We haven’t had anything to this scale in quite some time.

- **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)**

Mr. Takeuchi asked Mrs. Ortiz how we should communicate with you since you do not have e-mail.

Mrs. Ortiz replied you can call her.

Mr. Wood stated through the Chamber of Commerce the Building Official, Dennis Canright and a professional co-host will have a meeting Thurs a.m. at the Holiday Inn Conference Room dealing with liability issues and ADA.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

**A. Looking Ahead**

- \* **July 13<sup>th</sup>** – Cancel Regular Meeting
- \* **July 20<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Meeting
- \* **August 10<sup>th</sup>** – No meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Committee, it was, on motion duly made by Mr. Takeuchi adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
ARASELI DEL CASTILLO, Recording Secretary