

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 10, 2009

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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Mrs. St. Yves motioned to approve, Mr. Forkas seconded. Approved unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ending balance is \$730.13

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wood mentioned that if anyone wanted to voice their opinion please come to the podium so your voice can be recorded and to the Committee members please be sure your microphone on whenever you speak.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Review/Follow up on action from previous meeting

Mr. Wood stated that he was originally looking at putting together another forum much like last month looking at Hispanic Community issues. We were not able to put anything together as far as the Pakistani Community issues at this meeting.

Mr. Wood stated he would like to do a follow up. It has been six months since the goal setting session and rather than waiting for the next goal setting session I would like to get some clarifications on some goals that we have established and to see if there is any directions that needs to be taken.

Affiliation with Keep California Beautiful

Mr. Wood stated one of the issues brought up is the affiliation with Keep California Beautiful. In the past six months Tim Mustin has looked into the issues. At this time we have not identified any additional funding source that would be able to off set the cost and our City budget is slashed considerably. Christine Flowers has submitted an application for joint use of a trailer for Community Clean-ups between the City of Riverbank and City of Lodi.

Mr. Jarrett asked the amount for the affiliate.

Mr. Mustin replied \$3000 plus a \$250 yearly fee as well.

Additional Topics for 2009/10

Mr. Wood spoke about the Lodi Avenue Improvement Project. The Public Works Director Wally Sandelin has agreed to make a presentation at the January LIC meeting to provide an update on the Lodi Avenue Improvement Project and also the Water Meter Replacement and Alley Drainage Improvement Projects. This will be a summary of where there at for each of those projects. Mr. Wood states the Lodi Avenue Project has gone out for bid and they are getting prepared to get that started.

Mr. Forkas asked regarding the Alley Improvement Project and wants to know where they are moving ahead on that.

Mr. Wood replied they are doing the environmental review at this point.

Communication with the public.

Mr. Wood spoke about communication with the public. Mr. Wood stated in the past they have paid for two announcements for each meeting and it has not brought additional attention. With the budgets cuts we are no longer doing paid announcements. Mr. Wood suggests inviting Marty Weybret or Mr. Rich Hanner to one of our meeting to get suggestions on how we can best engage the community. With your blessing I would like to make that invitation to see if they would attend.

Mr. Wood spoke about: Meeting with local agencies and organizations. We have subsequently met with Community Partnership for Families, a representative from both the Hispanic Business Committee and the local California Human Development Corporation to discuss issues regarding services and issues affecting the Hispanic Community in Lodi. Mr. Wood stated he has extended several invitations to the Council for Spanish Speaking, El Concilio and have received no feedback from them. I called Monday and voiced by disappointment that they have not followed up with us.

Affordable Housing

Tienda Drive Senior Housing Project. Mr. Wood stated they continue to work with Eden Housing on the development of 80 units of affordable housing project for seniors. This project has been broken into two phases. The front unit has 39 units in the first phase with an office and community room and shortly after 41 unit second phase based upon funding. We are looking at starting this project in summer of 2011.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Our NSP Developer has acquired a vacant, foreclosed property at 502 E. Oak. The existing, dilapidated, 3-unit structure will be demolished, and the lot will be split and two single-family dwellings on that site.

500 E. Oak Street Housing Project. Mr. Wood stated they are doing a similar thing there where there is already a lot split and they are doing two single-family dwellings. That is going before the planning commission in December.

Celebration on Central

Mr. Wood stated the last scheduled event was cancelled. Mr. Wood has set a meeting with Ms. Hilda Bohacek. She is in the process of restarting the Community Partnership again. We are to meet to talk about Celebration on Central. Mr. Wood asked if the Improvement Committee consider cosponsoring/organizing this event.

Mr. Jarrett asked if Mr. Wood can put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Wood replied yes.

Historic Preservation/Bungalow Tour

Mr. Wood stated in the next two years, the Community Development Department is likely to conduct a housing condition survey throughout the Eastside to document its efforts at improving housing within Lodi. During this survey, we could bring back in the future any activity.

Committee Membership

Mr. Wood stated since this issue was brought up at the last goal-setting session, the LIC has started the process of transitioning from a 9-member to a 7-member body.

City Staff Attendance at Monthly Meetings

Mr. Wood stated this was something that was brought up on the last meeting. There was comment that it has been quite some time since the watch commander has been here. I have followed up with Lt. Carrillo and I have not heard from him but I don't think it has meant as any slight to the committee.

Mr. Jarrett thanked Mr. Wood for highlighting the past topics.

Mr. Jarrett addressed the lack of staff from the Police Dept. He would like an hour and a half a month to facilitate our knowledge and answer our questions. Mr. Jarrett stated if the watch commander is in the office and there is an emergency he can be paged and he may leave the meeting. Mr. Jarrett stated he has not heard a viable excuse for a representative from the Police Dept. to facilitate our knowledge and answer our questions. Mr. Jarrett hopes this is not a reflection of the attitude of the City Manager towards this committee. This is my concern.

Mr. Wood replied he does not think is. Mr. Wood stated he believes this is based on the staffing. He states they are short three lieutenants.

Mrs. Aldred stated the Watch Commander at night on the streets and is not in the office. This is no disrespect to you at all. Mrs. Aldred stated she has not attended the last two meetings were because I had a union meeting. I am an employee here. My salary if being affected by the budget and I want to make sure that I am doing valuable input. The other meeting fell on my day off. Mrs. Aldred states the reality is with the budget being the way it is and no over time.

Mr. Wood stated he would suggest with all the watch commanders is that they provide us with information we can share at these meetings so I can have interaction with them.

Mr. Jarrett stated that if he can relate to them that this is the place that the public is able to come and ask questions and if we do not have a watch commander available about issues that have come about in their neighborhood and we don't have that ability at the moment. Mr. Jarrett stated he worked with a patrol car for 15 years and I know all about watch commanders and there is no way he can't be here.

Committee Membership

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Community Development

*** Planning Commission**

None

*** Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

* **Neighborhood Services Division**

Mr. Wood stated the City Council will be considering a revision of the current Vending Ordinance at the November 18th meeting, in order to cap the number of permits to lunch wagons that they are permitted. We have 22 permitted and will more than likely cap it at this number. They have forwarded a copy of the revisions to the attorney who represents the bulk of the vendors. From his review he is o.k. with it with the understanding that it would be transferrable.

Mr. Jarrett asked if the City receives revenue.

Mr. Wood replied they get business license. Mr. Wood wants to clarify that this is coming through the City Attorney's office. A Council member has brought this issue up to the City Manager. This is not coming from the staff level.

A. **Police Department**

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

Mrs. Aldred stated they did a homeless clean up off of Victor Rd. last week.

Mrs. Aldred stated they are working on their software implantation and are hoping to live with that by the end of the year.

B. **Public Works**

None

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

Public member Mr. Doug Chaney from Hand Up in Lodi stated they are to have a presentation tomorrow with Susan Guzman with the San Joaquin County Juvenile Probation Dept. We may have to reschedule for the month of December due to the holiday tomorrow.

Public member Mr. Chaney would like to thank Mr. Jaramillo for his equipment and vehicle for the bridge clean up and graffiti removal on November 24th.

Public member Mr. Chaney stated that there should be more community art projects rather than directing big time dollars to the same person over and over.

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Mr. Jarrett stated he should bring this up at the Council meeting on comments from the Public on non-agenda items.

Mr. Jaramillo thanked Mr. Chaney for his work. Mr. Jaramillo stated it was very sad to see people living under a bridge. Mr. Jaramillo stated he would like to be more involved so if Mr. Chaney will keep him in mind.

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

Mr. Mustin mentioned that there were not many people from the committee who attended Celebration on Central. Mr. Mustin suggests having meetings at different locations other than the City.

Mr. Jarrett would like to put on the agenda to have meetings outside the forum once a quarter.

Mr. Jaramillo stated he attended the Clean Up with Mr. Wood at Bethel Open Bible Church. It was very well done.

Mr. Wood asked Mr. Jaramillo if he remembered the weight collected.

Mr. Jaramillo replied 6-8,000 pounds.

Mr. Jarrett announced that the December meeting will be his last meeting as he is resigning as a member of the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Topics for Upcoming meetings

Looking ahead

- December 8th – General Plan update
- January 12th – Public Works project
- February 9th
- March 9th
- April 13th – Election of Officers
- April 17th or 24th – Special Goal-Setting Session
- May 11th
- June 8th

Mr. Jarrett would also like to put on the calendar to discuss our annual Christmas dinner.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business before the Committee, it was, on motion duly made by Mr. Jarrett adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

ARASELI DEL CASTILLO, Recording Secretary