

**LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 8, 2009

6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

August 11, 2009 – Regular Meeting

Mr. Forkas asked to change gender from Mrs. Forkas to Mr. Forkas on the minutes of August 11 meeting.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Ending balance is \$730.13

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Wood announced a Census Bureau Open House on Friday, Sept. 18th from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. @ 501 W. Weber Ave., Stockton. Jeff Hood from the City Managers office mentioned that it would be good if the LIC would be interested in participating in this effort. There will be informational presentation from the Census employees, other groups and refreshments. If anyone from the committee is interested in attending please let me know.

Mr. Wood announced that if anyone from the audience would like to speak to please make sure you come to the podium so your voice could be picked up on the recording.

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Volunteer Community Clean Up Projects

Mr. Wood mentioned he was approached by Brian Siken from Temple Baptist and two other representatives from other local churches who are interested in

doing community clean up in October. I have put them in touch with Steve Dutra from Parks & Recreation to see if they are interested on doing one of the park projects that he has on his list or alley/street clean ups. Mr. Wood extended an invitation to the Homeless Outreach Program who has also been active in the past for clean-ups.

Mr. Dutra spoke about some of the projects involved in the past. For example: Eagle Scout Candidate Projects, High School Senior Projects and church groups. Mr. Dutra would like to leave you with a list of a few projects that they have put together. Mr. Dutra mentioned that Tree Lodi will facilitate the planting of the 200 trees for DeBenedetti Park in October 2010, and that we hope some of you will join us to dig a few holes to plant some trees.

Mr. Takeuchi asked if it would be helpful to him to know what the City does proactively to seek out groups to assist you in community clean up activities.

Mr. Dutra replied that they try to provide opportunities for the community so the limited staff can concentrate on what they need concentrate on. Mr. Dutra would like to let the community know you can call him at 368-1012 and ask for me Steve Dutra, the Parks Superintendant I will sit with anybody, anytime to answer any questions.

Doug Chaney, Hand Up Board member, stated that they have done two alley clean ups. Reyes Jaramillo offered his truck to pick up the garbage. Mr. Chaney also stated they did another clean up at Lodi Lake under the bridge. There is another clean-up scheduled for October 24th. We want to make sure that date is going to work and we are thinking of an alley clean up on the Eastside if that is o.k. with Mr. Dutra.

Mr. Jaramillo asked for Mr. Chaney's phone number.

Mr. Chaney replied 747-2722

Mr. Jaramillo stated he enjoyed himself when he went out a couple times. Please feel free to contact me or my office and schedule. I would be more than happy to come out with a crew and equipment. Another contractor also is willing to help out with trailers or equipment.

Mr. Chaney stated on September 19th at 9 a.m. is Coastal Clean-Up Day around California. Kathy Grant will coordinate this at Lodi Lake. Anyone is invited, just come out and register and after the clean up is done there will be a BBQ.

Mr. Takeuchi stated he wanted Araseli to note for the record that Rey was talked a lot by Doug. Also, you missed role call and want his presence noted on the record.

Mr. Wood mentioned that October 24th is the same day that "Hand Up" has their activity scheduled and it's also the same weekend Temple Baptist has scheduled

for their alley/street clean up. Bethel Open Bible Church is also interested in doing an alley/street clean up.

Jenelle Bechtold from Waste Management stated that if a truck is needed she can try her best to find the most cost effective way to do it. Jenelle would like to stress Waste Management has a lot of different clean up opportunities. Also, she stated that Waste Management provides the city thirty-five clean ups in the alleys per year in our contract.

Mr. Takeuchi asked if Waste Management does leaves also.

Janelle replied yes. In the contract we give the City twelve hundreds tons of leave disposal per year and we have never reached over twelve hundred tons.

Mr. Jaramillo stated that if anyone needs a trailer let them know he can supply a dump trailer and a driver.

Mr. Wood stated the reason we are bringing this to the Improvement Committee is to see if there is an interest in getting a representative to help with this coordination.

Mr. Jaramillo stated he accepts being the representative.

Mr. Takeuchi would like to formerly set up a sub committee for clean up in the City of Lodi. Our liaison will be Reyes.

Mr. Wood stated he would like to use this time through mid October to try to do some more public outreach.

Mr. Jarrett suggested that a person in charge of Code Enforcement can give us a list of houses that need work to be done. For example: mow lawns.

Mr. Wood introduced Brian Siken, Associate Pastor of Temple Baptist Church. He will tell us what his group has done for the City of Lodi.

Mr. Siken, Associate Pastor from Temple Baptist Church stated they work with Joseph, the City and Steve Dutra on a variety of projects from painting, trimming bushes in parks and alley clean ups. We want to give back to the City because we enjoy living here.

Mr. Jaramillo offered his services to Brian from Temple Baptist. He stated he can provide a dump truck.

Mr. Takeuchi asked Mr. Jaramillo if he could provide the committee regular reports of what it is you are coordinating.

Mr. Wood stated the next meeting is Oct. 13th.

Committee Membership

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Community Development

*** Planning Commission**

None

*** Planning Commission – Past Action**

None

*** Neighborhood Services Division**

Mr. Wood mentioned that the amendment of the by laws have been approved.

Mr. Wood stated that no further meetings have been held regarding the Eastside Summit.

A. Police Department

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

None

B. Public Works

None

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

Doug Chaney (public member) would like to thank Mr. Joseph Wood for all his help. Mr. Chaney also mentioned they have their Hand Up Group every second Wednesday of each month at Ebenezer Church, 820 S. Central @ 4-5:30 p.m. Tomorrow we are going to have Mr. Vic Singh of Department of Mental Health of San Joaquin County to give a presentation on mental illness and how it works in conjunction with homelessness.

Kathy Grant (public member) mentioned there is a Coastal Clean Up that Public Works sponsors at 9 a.m., September 19th @ Lodi Lake. There is also a group going to Comanche Lake on boats to pick up six packs of beers and pick up trash left over from the summer parties.

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

Mr. Takeuchi mentioned he also serves on the Budget/Finance committee for the City.

Mr. Forkas mentioned he will not be present at the October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Topics for Upcoming meetings

Mr. Wood stated the issues that were brought at the goal setting session were getting more exposure and involvement and contact with local agencies that provide services here in the community. El Concilio is one organization that we can review their function with the community.

Mr. Takeuchi mentioned he would like to address the Hispanic community and not limit it to one group like El Concilio.

Mr. Jarrett stated that it is a great thought but does not see it doable. The Hispanic community is not well organized. El Concilio is County but does work in the City. Mr. Jarrett stated he does not know of an organization we can approach with social issues concerning the Hispanic community in Lodi.

Mr. Takeuchi replied that he would like to draw my own conclusions of whether or not they are viable or not. I would like to hear from them to see what thoughts they have.

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