

LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE
Teleconference Meeting

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REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
@ 6:00 PM

SPECIAL NOTICE

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The Brown Act, Government Code Section 54953, contains special requirements that apply when members of a legislative body participate in a public meeting by telephone. Certain of these requirements have been suspended by Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, executed by the Governor of California on March 17, 2020 to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19. In particular, the Executive Order suspends that provision of the Brown Act that requires noticing, posting of agendas, and public access to each location where a member will be participating telephonically, as well as provisions that require physical presence of members of the legislative body or the public for purposes of a quorum or to hold a meeting. Executive Order N-29-20 allows an agency to conduct a teleconference meeting that provides members of the public telephonic or other electronic participation in place of making a physical location for the public to observe the meeting and provide public comment, consistent with other provisions of the Brown Act.

For information regarding this agenda please contact:
Kari Chadwick @ (209) 333-6711
Community Development Secretary

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Minutes
None
3. Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)
If you wish to address the Commission, please refer to the Special Teleconference Notice at the beginning of this agenda. Individuals are limited to one appearance during this section.
4. Annual Goals
 - A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - a. Staff update on 2021-2022 AAP schedule
 - b. Staff update on CDBG-CV funding process
 - B. Update on LIC 2019-20 Goals from Members and Staff
 1. Support ABCD: Love Your Block program
 2. Implement City's CDBG Consolidated Plan
 3. Reduce homelessness and increase homeownership
 4. Encourage beautification and community service leaders
 5. Support visionary community development projects
 6. Promote these goals in the City
 7. Promote civic engagement and greater interest in this committee
 - C. Update on Status of Drafting Revised Committee By-Laws
5. Regular Business
 - A. Member vacancy update
 - B. Determine topics for upcoming meetings
 - a. September – TBD
 - b. October – Training and Annual Goal Setting
6. Comments from Board members and Staff on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment

Pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code of the State of California, this agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the regularly scheduled meeting (or 24 hours in advance of a special meeting) at a public place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

Patrice Clemons
CDBG Program Specialist



MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Community Development Department

To: Lodi Improvement Committee
From: Patrice Clemons, CDBG Program Specialist/City Staff Liaison
Date: September 8, 2020
Subject: Staff Report on Updates to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, Draft Revisions to the By-Laws, and Annual Goals.

Purpose: Lodi Improvement Committee 1) supports Staff in implementation of the City's five-year Consolidated Plan including conducting outreach, providing feedback on program processes, and making recommendations to the City Council on funding and project priorities; 2) has its purpose of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community; 3) creates and takes action to implement annual goals.

Action: Lodi Improvement Committee will 1) receive report from Staff on status of CDBG program and will provide feedback; 2) review draft by-law revisions and provide feedback; 3) receive updates and provide direction on annual goals.

Background:

Staff update on 2019-2020 CAPER

After the conclusion of the program year, the City prepares a year-end report called the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The draft CAPER for program year 2019-20 is available for public review and comment; and will be presented to the City Council for approval on September 16, 2020. The draft report can be found online on the City's CDBG webpage: <https://www.lodi.gov/183/Community-Development-Block-Grant-Program>. In Summary, the program accomplishments met six of the ten five-year consolidated plan goals including: 1) promote safer neighborhoods; 2) improve community parks and green space; 3) infrastructure and facility improvements; 3) support public service programs for priority populations; 4) affirmatively further fair housing; and 5) create and promote housing for homeless populations. The City intends to address the other four strategic plan goals in future program years. For details on the specific project/programs, please see the report.

Staff update on 2021-2022 AAP schedule

The 2021-2022 AAP is due to HUD by May 15, 2021. In recent years, HUD has announced deadline extensions due to federal funding delays and, most recently, the Covid-19 pandemic. HUD will likely make its announcement for funding and deadlines in Spring of 2021.

The following process is planned for the 2021-22 AAP cycle:

- Early November – community outreach meeting on community needs

- Late November – published notice for upcoming release of funding availability
- Early December – published notice of funding availability (NOFA), and application presentation and community outreach meeting at regular LIC meeting
- Mid December – attended community outreach event
- January – potential applicants provide presentations or answer questions at regular LIC meeting
- January/Feb - begin consultations
- March – vote on final scores and allocations at regularly scheduled LIC meeting
- Mid March – draft AAP released to public for 30 day public review
- Mid April – presented draft AAP to City Council
- May – presented final AAP to City Council for approval

Staff update on CDBG-CV funding process

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has recently allocated additional funds to jurisdictions across the Country in an effort to help better respond to immediate needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the City of Lodi could receive \$380,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant – Covid Response (CDBG-CV) funds. Funds can be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus impact. For a current summary of eligible activities, see this online HUD brochure: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/DOB-TA-CDBG-summary-table-Notes-06232020-Attachment.pdf> .

The City is currently evaluating potential projects, including consideration of a homeless shelter and services. To obtain HUD approval for any project, the City is required to follow CDBG procures for updating its consolidated, annual, and citizen participation plans. HUD requires the City to follow typical processes, except for reduced public engagement requirements in order to expedite the use of funds.

For the most up to date information on CDBG-CV requirements, please see HUD’s resource page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/disease/>

Updates on Annual Goals

Please see the Committee’s attached Annual Goals for review and updates by Staff and members.

Review of Draft By-Law Revisions

In January 2020, the LIC presented its annual accomplishments to the City Council and requested feedback on revisions to its by-laws. City Council directed LIC to prepare revisions for them to consider at a future date; and to maintain a balance between goals for enforcement of laws and goals focused on prevention and empowerment. Staff and members will review preliminary revisions and provide feedback for additional edits.

Fiscal Impact:

HUD’s annual allocation for CDBG funds will be announced in Spring 2021; the City estimates receiving \$600,000. HUD announced \$380,000 in potential CDBG-CV funds for City of Lodi.

Attachments:

1. LIC Annual Goals
2. Draft Revision to By-Laws

2019-20 Committee Goals

*Updates are in Red

Vision	
<p>The Lodi Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community.</p>	
Goal	Objective
<p>1. Empower and support residents to become leaders for transforming their community, through the City's partnership program Asset-Based Community Develop (ABCD): Love Your Block.</p>	<p>a. <u>Provide support to the ABCD program through mentoring project leaders, participating in monthly meetings, supporting workshops, promoting events, and providing resources/connections.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year-long Lead: Kathryn Member support: Kathryn Resources: City funds ABCD program coordinator position and ABCD leaders facilitate and create the program Status: In progress Update: 3 are done, 1 more pending, meeting later in Oct.</p> <p>b. <u>Recognize ABCD Cycle 3 projects through an LIC award.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Fall/Winter 2019 Lead: David Member support: David Resources: Create award criteria and type of recognition Status: In progress Update: January tentatively</p>
<p>2. Develop viable urban communities as directed by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and further implemented in the City's Consolidated Plan.</p>	<p>a. <u>Conduct community outreach on priority needs and goals for the annual CDBG application cycle.</u></p> <p>Timeline: October 2019 – May 2020 Lead: David Member support: David, Doug Resources: Status: In process- On going</p>

	<p>b. <u>Score applications and recommend projects and funding to the City Council.</u></p> <p>Timeline: November 2019 – May 2020 Lead: All Committee members Member support: All members Resources: Staff liaison to provide program requirements and facilitate annual action plan process Status: In process- on going</p>
<p>3. Reduce homelessness and increase affordable homeownership.</p>	<p>a. <u>Support Lodi Committee on Homelessness (LCOH) by attending monthly meetings (1st Thursday), and reporting back to the LIC.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year-long Lead: Kathryn Member support: Kathryn Resources: Information provided by LCOH Status: In-process</p>
	<p>b. <u>Research land trust options for creating affordable housing options for people experiencing homelessness.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year long Lead: Doug Member support: Doug Resources: Scheduled for January 23rd, 2018. Status: in process</p>
	<p>c. <u>Research homebuyer programs and sources of funding.</u></p> <p>Timeline: TBD Lead: Kathryn Member support: Kathryn Resources: Reached out to City Council Status: in process</p>
<p>4. Encourage beautification and improvements in Lodi by recognizing properties and community service leaders.</p>	<p>a. <u>Identify and award properties, buildings, projects, and individuals that have helped improved Lodi.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year-long Lead: David Member support: David Resources: Neighborhood Services/ Parks-Rec, Public Works, Building, Social Media to identify, community organizations Status: Nominations Pending</p> <p>b. <u>Collaborate with other Lodi groups who are already doing this (e.g. Tree Lodi).</u></p> <p>Timeline: TBD Lead: David Member support: David</p>

	<p>Resources: Status: TBD</p>
<p>5. Support visionary community development projects</p>	<p>a. <u>Research project information; solicit feedback from the community, staff, experts, and other stakeholders to determine feasibility; identify funding opportunities; present to committees and City Council; and create sub-committees for long-term implementation. Current visionary projects include:</u></p> <p>a. <u>Greenline project</u></p> <p>b. <u>Shade tree design standards</u></p> <p>c. <u>Public garden</u></p> <p>d. <u>Parking space reductions.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year long Lead: Doug Member support: Doug Resources: Coordinate with Public Works, Parks, and other City departments Status: In process</p>
<p>6. Promote LIC's goals in the City.</p>	<p>a. <u>Present LIC activities to City Council twice a year.</u></p> <p>Timeline: October and April Lead: David Member support: David Resources: Status: In progress-</p> <p>b. <u>Meet with community leaders and attend a community event/fair where information is provided about the LIC and its goals.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year Long Lead: Rehana Member support: Rehana, Kathryn Resources: Status: Pending</p>
<p>7. Promote civic engagement and greater interest in LIC.</p>	<p>a. <u>Hold at least one LIC meeting in an alternative location.</u></p> <p>Timeline: Year Long Lead: Rehana Member support: Rehana, Kathryn Resources: Status: Pending/ CA Human development as part of AAP</p>

LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Current	Proposed Draft
SECTION I. GENERAL PURPOSE	SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE
The Lodi Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community.	<i>(No change proposed.)</i>
SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/ PURPOSES	SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS
The Committee is organized and created to:	The Committee will: <i>(Removed redundancy.)</i>
A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch.	A) Promote safer neighborhoods through the support and encouragement of new and existing programs that do the same, <i>(This focuses on the positive aspects of community building, and providing support, rather than using negative words like “combat” and tasking the committee with responsibilities that we are not equipped to handle (drugs, prostitution).)</i>
B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of properties throughout Lodi, with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business, and government.	B) Promote a sustainable Lodi with regards to food, housing, transportation, energy, jobs, and other vital aspects of a thriving community, <i>(Reworded to be positive and broader in scope.)</i>
C) To act as an advocate for residents in issues dealing with the upgrade, improvement and maintenance of all infrastructure, including streets, alleys, water, sewer and storm drainage systems.	C) Advocate for underrepresented groups in our community, including the underprivileged and those experiencing homelessness, <i>(Refocused on those who most need a voice and with less of a specific focus on public works issues.)</i>
D) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire, and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by property owners, residents, and businesses.	<i>(Removed.)</i>
E) To coordinate with churches, civic and community	I) Be transparent to the community about these goals and

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<p>groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.</p>	<p>our progress towards them. <i>(Shortened and repositioned to the end.)</i></p>
<p>F) To work with business community to encourage a healthy business climate.</p>	<p>D) Build relationships throughout the community to enable and maintain a flourishing, inclusive city, <i>(Refocused to the community rather than just the business community which is the focus of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce.)</i></p>
<p>G) Provide acknowledgement to properties and businesses throughout the City that show marked improvements in service and appearance that contributes to the image and quality of the community.</p>	<p>E) Encourage the community to improve their properties and support new and existing programs that do the same, <i>(Reworded for positivity and brevity.)</i></p>
<p><i>(This cell is empty in the original document, but contains a large 'DRAFT' watermark.)</i></p>	<p>F) Support the CDBG process and the City's efforts to fairly review and distribute CDBG funding, <i>(Added, as we have already been doing this.)</i></p>
	<p>G) Identify potential resources that support these goals, and others that foster community development, and present them to the community, <i>(Added, as we have already been doing this.)</i></p>
	<p>H) Promote participatory government throughout the community regarding awareness, advocacy, and policy, particularly towards the programs and activities of this committee, <i>(Added.)</i></p>