

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Monthly Newsletter



May 2022



### Department Updates

#### **Community Improvement Officer Positions**

The Community Development Department has been conducting interviews for a Community Improvement Officer II. A candidate has been chosen and is currently going through the background check process. In addition, the Community Improvement Officer I testing is complete. Our first round of candidates interviewed for the position on May 12, 2022.

### Planning Division



#### **The TRU by Hilton**

A new brand of Hilton TRU is coming to Lodi! This project will aid in our accommodation capacity in support of our growing tourism industry. Set on the east side of the city at 1337 E. Kettleman Lane, the 4-story, 79-room hotel contains an in-house convenience store, breakfast services, business work center, outdoor lounge, and more. The site is adjacent to both the Holiday Inn Express and Candlewood Suites. We look forward to a ground breaking in the next few months!

#### **The Benjamin**

The Benjamin Apartment Complex, which will be located at 2525 W. Century Blvd., is moving closer to the start of construction. The site will include 6 new apartment buildings, a clubhouse, and a swimming pool center. The plan includes 60 1 BR/1 BA and 48 2 BR/2 BA units. The City is very excited to see another quality, high-density housing project beginning to come out of the ground!



### Building Division



#### **Rally's Restaurant**

A major revitalization is about to get under way! Longtime Lodi residents would recognize it as the old Long John Silver's, located at 14 W. Lodi Avenue. The project is currently in the plan review stage. We are excited to have new life brought to this highly visible location.

#### **Sunset Theater**

The old Sunset Theater building, on 1118 W Lodi Avenue, continues to move forward with its revitalization. The remodeled building proposes to provide live theater performances and other entertainment venues.



### Neighborhood Services Division



#### **Harmony Homes Project**

Harmony Homes is nearing completion and awaiting final inspection. Most of the furnishings have been installed and Community Development is now establishing an open house. This is a major step in adding to our affordable housing stock and provide stable housing to formerly unsheltered. This could not have been accomplished without the dedication from Public Works, Electric Utility, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Lodi Committee on Homelessness, Community Development, Knife River, and so many more.

#### **ACCESS Center**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved Inner City Action, Inc. to operate the temporary emergency shelter as phase one of the ACCESS Center plan. The Salvation Army will be providing food and laundry services in collaboration with Inner City Action. Phase one will house up to 50 individuals and provide 24/7 wraparound services. We are excited to get this first phase of the ACCESS Center opened and provide resources while working on development of the permanent ACCESS Center.

