



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: East Side Improvement Committee Report

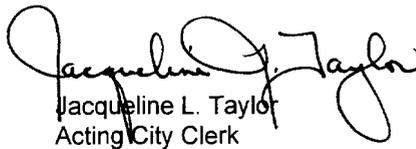
MEETING DATE: March 1, 1995

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion and Appropriate Action.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Virginia Snyder has requested that she be placed on the agenda to present a report (see memo attached) on the East Side Improvement Committee's proposed goals and changes.

FUNDING: None required.


Jacqueline L. Taylor
Acting City Clerk

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Attachment

APPROVED: _____

THOMAS A. PETERSON
City Manager



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March 1, 1995

TO: Lodi City Council
FROM: Eastside Improvement Committee
RE: "Wish List" of proposed changes

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JENNIFER W. FERRIN
CITY CLERK

After many discussions with city staff, police, and Lodi residents, we hope you will explore the possibilities for implementing the following changes:

1. We believe there is a more efficient way for police to close down bars and other businesses who are threats to public safety and who require a disproportionate use of police time. (The Guadalajara Bar is one example.) We ask you to direct staff to study the possibilities for contingency use permits for liquor outlets, massage parlors, porno outlets, etc. Captain Jerry Adams of the Lodi Police Department is studying the problem, and is a valuable resource person.
2. We ask you to draft an ordinance requiring hotels, motels, etc. to require valid identification of their guests and to show it to police upon request. Sergeant Chet Somera of the Lodi Police Department has studied the issue, and would be another valuable resource person. Sergeant Somera says drug dealers will sometimes rent a room for 2-3 days, set up a drug lab to manufacture their illegal drugs, then disappear, presumably to set up in another location.
3. On the eastside and in other parts of town, people use alleys for automobile repair, drug deals, and leave them unattended and blocking traffic while visiting. There is widespread disregard of the white line striping, and these vehicles block access for emergency vehicles and garbage pickup. We ask you to consider having Partners trained to ticket illegally parked vehicles in the alleys and to assess the maximum fines. Hopefully, a significant amount of fines could be targeted for Partners.
4. We urgently request you will direct staff to study a limit on the number of persons who may occupy a dwelling. Stockton has a city code which states a 70-square foot of habitable space shall be occupied by no more than two people, and an additional 50-square feet is need for each additional occupant. In Lodi, we sometimes have 15 or more people occupying one residence, which adversely impacts the neighborhood. This ordinance would give the police and Code Action Team one more tool to help abate substandard living conditions.
5. Eastside Improvement Committee has asked the Planning Commission for guidance on planning matters, such as open-air tire stores, vegetable stands in residential neighborhoods, etc. Following the guidelines set forth in the Revitalization Master Plan, we hope to see a comprehensive zoning plan which will help to protect neighborhoods while at the same time allowing for a healthy business climate. We therefore ask you to declare a city-wide moratorium on conversion of residences to business use to give the Planning Commission and city staff planners an opportunity to study the matter.