

F. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Beth Kim, owner of the Comfort Suites on Kettleman Lane and past president of the Lodi Conference and Visitors Bureau (LCVB), updated Council on the recent accomplishments of LCVB, including Huell Howser's visit to Lodi in October; the televised broadcast of his Lodi show on Thursday, February 7 at 8 p.m. on KVIE Channel 6; the Salmonid Restoration Conference in Lodi from March 5 – 8, which will bring an estimated 400 to 500 attendees and an economic impact of \$20,000 to \$30,000; and the completion of the 2008 Lodi Community & Visitors Guide, which was produced in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce.
- Ann Cerney expressed her concern that redevelopment is being portrayed by City staff with only positives and not enough information is being presented regarding the down side of debt. Redevelopment agencies require that 20% of funding be used for affordable housing; however, that has not occurred in California. To date, she has not heard a definitive dollar amount presented to the public, only a conceptual amount, and she stated that she looks forward to more realistic discussions in the future.
- Dave Hinchman agreed with the comments concerning redevelopment and hoped the public would soon be provided with a more accurate picture. Mr. Hinchman requested the City assume the \$1,000 cost to print the list of important phone numbers for senior citizens, which would be mailed out with the City utility bills. This is a helpful resource for seniors and to date very little money has been spent toward Senior Citizens Commission activities. He further believed the City should look closely at its spending.
- Pastor Glen Barnes with First Baptist Church invited the Council and public to attend the presentation of "Step into Africa World Vision Experience: AIDS." Lodi was chosen as one of 70 cities in the United States to host the interactive experience that will give attendees a first-hand journey into the life of a child impacted by the HIV/AIDS crisis. The event will be open to the public February 28 through March 3, and a special breakfast and exhibit walk through specifically for community leaders from the government, education, business, and medical fields will be held on March 3 from 7 to 9 a.m.

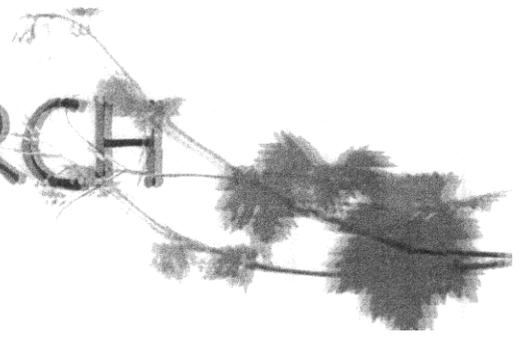
G. COMMENTS BY CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Council Member Johnson asked staff to look into the required landscaping that was to be done at the Archer Daniels Midland facility on the corner of Victor Road and Cluff Avenue. The purpose of the greenery was to screen the facility from the highway; however, the landscaping has yet to be completed.
- Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen reported on the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning conference he attended in Stockton, which focused on transportation, financing, San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) One Voice Trip, Route 99, and high-speed rail. He also attended the Northern California Power Agency annual strategic planning workshop January 23 – 25, at which plans for the upcoming year were reviewed and legislative updates were addressed, and the SJCOG meeting, at which the strategic plan for Measure K renewal was approved. Mr. Hansen reported that the timeline for Highway 12 improvements has moved up from 2011 to 2010. In regard to the upcoming difficult budget year, Mr. Hansen requested Council be informed throughout the entire process, particularly if there are potential layoffs as is happening in other cities. He further questioned if Council will be invited to participate in the recruitment process for Police Chief and Public Works Director.
- Council Member Johnson pointed out that high-speed rail is not the same issue as the commuter rail project that is still moving forward.
- Mayor Mounce reported that she recently attended a League of California Cities event in Sacramento and participated in sessions dealing with educating new council members on how to effectively conduct a meeting, land use planning, ethics training, dealing with the media, financial responsibilities, and audit training. She also attended a Lodi Improvement Committee meeting, at which street sweeping was discussed, and she requested that the results of street sweeping on the various test streets (discussed at a past Shirtsleeve Session) be provided to Council. Ms. Mounce expressed gratitude to the Animal Shelter staff and volunteers for their enduring and heart felt efforts at the outdated facility and requested a Council on-site tour of the shelter. Mayor Mounce wished her mother a happy birthday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Lodi

1000 N. Mills Avenue, Lodi, CA 95242



February 6, 2008

Mr. Blair King
City Manager
PO Box 3006
Lodi, CA 95241-1910

Dear Mr. King,

We are writing to let you know about a very exciting event that is coming to our city and to invite you to join many other community leaders for a breakfast and special presentation of the Step Into Africa World Vision Experience: AIDS. Lodi has been chosen as one of 70 cities in the United States to host the interactive experience that will give attendees a first hand journey into the life of a child impacted by the HIV/AIDS crisis. The World Vision Experience is an interactive exhibit that combines stirring audio and captivating photography that will transport you to the heart of Africa. You will see, hear and experience stories of tragedy and triumph lived out by real children in AIDS-affected communities. You will gain a completely new perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time.

The experience has been drawing between 2500-4000 attendees in other cities and we anticipate a similar response from the public here in the Lodi area. Already we have reservations from several public and private schools, churches and community groups to attend the Step Into Africa exhibit. On Monday, March 3rd, from 7:00-9:00am we will be holding a special breakfast and exhibit walk through specifically for community leaders from the government, education, business and medical fields. We would be honored to have you as a special guest at this community leaders' event. We already are receiving many confirmations from area leaders who will be in attendance and your presence would add to the fact that as a city we want to be informed and show concern not only for issues in our own backyard but around the world as well.

We thank you for your leadership in our city and hope you are able to join many other leaders from across Lodi, Galt and Stockton for this important event. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us or for more information on the Step Into Africa Exhibit visit www.worldvisionexperience.org.

Sincerely,

Glen Barnes
Senior Associate Pastor

Steve Newman
Senior Pastor

FREE exhibit!

step into Africa

Can you survive the journey of a child?

Come walk in the steps of a child living in an AIDS-affected community in Africa. This interactive exhibit features a stirring audio tour combined with captivating photography that will transport you to the heart of Africa. You'll gain a completely new perspective on the greatest humanitarian crisis of our time.



World Vision Experience: AIDS

Community Leaders Special Event

First Baptist Church Lodi
267 N. Mills Avenue
Lodi, CA 95242



Community Leaders-- You are invited!

We cordially invite leaders from various areas in our community (Business, Government, Education, Medical, etc.) to join us for a special presentation and tour of World Vision Experience: AIDS.

Take an unforgettable journey through an interactive exhibit that will transport you into the heart of Africa and the life of a child impacted by the AIDS crisis.

Meet **Steve Haas**, World Vision Vice President, who will share his passion for how individuals and groups can turn the tide on the global AIDS pandemic and create effective change for vulnerable children. A particular focus will be on the impact of microenterprise development in Southern Africa

Monday, March 3rd, 2008

Breakfast/Presentation: 7:00 - 8:00 AM

Tours: 8:00 - 9:00 AM

**First Baptist Church of Lodi
Corner of Mills & Lockeford**

RSVP to 209.334.1332

If you are not able to attend the special event, please take the opportunity to tour the exhibit while it is at First Baptist Church, Lodi from Feb. 28-Mar. 3. For more information about the World Vision Experience: AIDS, go online to: www.worldvisionexperience.org.