

**CITY OF LODI  
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION  
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2000**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, October 10, 2000 commencing at 7:03 a.m.

**A. ROLL CALL**

Present: Council Members – Hitchcock (arrived at 7:05 a.m.), Land, Nakanishi (arrived at 7:04 a.m.), Pennino and Mayor Mann

Absent: Council Members – None

Also Present: City Manager Flynn, Deputy City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Blackston

**B. CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR UPDATE**

Review of the Mayor's and Council Member's Weekly Calendar (filed) was waived.

**C. TOPIC(S)**

1. "All Veteran's Plaza Presentation"

Cynthia Haynes, Assistant to the City Manager, reported that the Ad Hoc Veterans Advisory Committee and 100 volunteers have worked for the past five months organizing the Veterans Day Commemoration event. This effort began with a group of 15 people, which then formed three subcommittees. The commemoration event will take place on Saturday, November 11, and the staging for the Veterans Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. All veterans have been invited to participate in the parade, and transportation arrangements have been made for veterans who cannot walk from the Lodi Train Station to City Hall. Ms. Haynes thanked the Lodi News Sentinel for its advertisements inviting veterans to participate.

The parade will end at the Veterans Plaza, where a brief ground breaking ceremony will be held. Artist renderings of the concept plan will be available, the Lodi Community Band will play, and Farmers and Merchants Bank and other local banks will sponsor a community barbecue. The anticipated attendance is 2,000. At 2:00 p.m., the American Legion will host an Open House and hold a ceremony for Missing in Action (MIA)/Prisoners of War (POW). The National Guard will place artillery vehicles in the area for viewing. Children from Heritage School will sing during the barbecue, the Boy Scouts will hand out flags to all attendees, and the Lodi Police Department, American Legion and both of the VFW's will present the colors. In addition, the Downtown Lodi Business Partnership (DLBP) will have a sidewalk sale that day. The Grand Marshals for the parade will be Mr. Locke, from Lockeford who has received the Navy Cross, and Mr. Warner, who was a prisoner of war.

2. "Lodi Arch Bear Restoration Project"

Ms. Haynes reported that the original bear was placed on top of the Pine Street Arch in 1909 "when a local fraternity stole it from their rivals in Stockton". In 1934, A.J. Randy Randolph, a Lodi sign painter, fashioned a new bear and painted it gold leaf to celebrate the first Lodi Grape Festival. Minor restoration was done in the mid 1950s. Plaster was added to the bear and a "Save the Arch" committee turned it north toward Sacramento. In 1961, the bear was painted brown with gold highlights. In 1997, the arch was lit for Christmas with a wreath placed on the bear. It was noticed at that time that the bear was deteriorating to the point that it had holes in it.

Tony Segale, with Segale Signs, has suggested encasing the bear in fiberglass, and applying gold leaf. When Mr. Segale first opened his sign shop on Sacramento Street, 90-year old Clair F. Schultz told him that he had worked for Randolph Signs when the bear was refurbished in the 1930s. He said that the original bear was made from a wooden frame, chicken wire, paper mache, plaster, and gold paint.

The Historical Society has assured that the bear was not part of the original arch, so there are no issues regarding its restoration from a historical perspective.

Ms. Haynes reported that she has received a \$5,567.27 bid from Tony Segale which includes refurbishing the platform, fiberglass materials, labor, and gold leaf. She commented that Bank of the West has a copyright on the California bear design, and they have given the first \$1,000 contribution toward the Lodi Arch bear's restoration. To date \$2,000 has been donated or pledged. To raise the remaining \$3,000, the bank will print bear paws to sell, which would include a history of the bear and the bank. The DLBP said they would set up "Restore the Bear" booths downtown to solicit donations.

3. "United Way Campaign Kick-Off"

Ms. Haynes informed the Council that about three years ago, the Lodi Community Council was formed, which she described as the nucleus of the United Way campaign in Lodi. It consists of ten board members and meets once a month. In the last year, the Lodi Community Council has spearheaded two campaigns and raised more than \$600,000 for non-profit health and human services agencies for Lodi residents. It has also created a mini-grant program and has re-granted more than \$50,000 to small non-profit start-up organizations. The re-granting process is done every year in May. It includes a request for proposals for interested persons to prepare a two-page description of their program, which they then present to the board, and return again in three months with a status report.

Ms. Haynes commented that more than 2,000 people attended the Community Day of Caring this year. She is currently working with Farmers and Merchants Bank and the Lodi News Sentinel to have a collaborative United Way kick off event for its employees with a safari theme barbecue. Last year, the City raised \$25,000 in donations. United Way of San Joaquin has a 100% turnaround in donations (i.e. there are no administrative fees deducted from donations because corporate contributions pay for the overhead).

4. "Parade of Lights"

Ms. Haynes took this opportunity to provide a report on the Parade of Lights. This year's theme is "Light Up a Life", which will highlight people that have created non-profit organizations in the community. Those being acknowledged include Dennis Lewis for starting Lodi Adopt-A-Child and Joe Crane for his tremendous donations to many non-profit organizations in the community. Mr. Crane has been chosen as a Grand Marshal and Stan Atkinson, formerly with KCRA Channel 3, will be the celebrity Grand Marshal of the parade. Lodi Adopt-A-Child will also conduct a toy drive in conjunction with the parade. This year's parade will be held on Thursday, November 30, and will be limited to the first 100 entries.

In response to Council Member Land, Ms. Haynes stated that she has looked into the feasibility of having an ice skating rink in downtown Lodi for the holiday season; however, the price was nearly a million dollars. The exorbitant cost is due to the amount of refrigeration necessary to keep the ice frozen in our warm climate.

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**D. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 a.m.

ATTEST:

Susan J. Blackston  
City Clerk

## ***Mayor's & Council Member's Weekly Calendar***

### ***WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2000***

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#### **Tuesday, October 10, 2000**

- 7:00 a.m. Shirtsleeve Session. The topic(s) is:
1. All Veteran's Plaza Presentation
  2. Lodi Arch Bear Restoration Project
  3. United Way Campaign Kick-Off
- Reminder: Please bring your calendars to review with staff.*
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Lodi Cinema Stadium 12 Ground Breaking Ceremony, Northwest corner of Elm and School Streets.
- 7:00 p.m. Candidates' Forum hosted/sponsored by Hutchins Street Square and the AAUW, HSS Performing Arts Theater. Admission is free.

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#### **Wednesday, October 11, 2000**

- 5:30 p.m. Grand Opening and ribbon cutting at Edward Jones, 5 S. School Street.

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#### **Thursday, October 12, 2000**

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#### **Friday, October 13, 2000**

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#### **Saturday, October 14, 2000**

- 8:00 a.m. - Lodi Salmon Festival and All Nations Pow Wow at Lodi Lake Park.  
10:00 p.m.

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#### **Sunday, October 15, 2000**

- 10:00 a.m. - Lodi Salmon Festival and All Nations Pow Wow at Lodi Lake Park.  
5:00 p.m.
- 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. Multi-Cultural Health and Safety Fair, Central Avenue, between Tokay and Hilborn Streets. Council will have a booth to meet with citizens.

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#### **Monday, October 16, 2000**