

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WITH THE LODI ARTS COMMISSION
125 S. HUTCHINS STREET, LODI
TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2006**

A. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Special Joint City Council meeting with the Lodi Arts Commission of May 16, 2006, was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Council Members – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson, and Mayor Hitchcock

Absent: Council Members – Mounce

Present: Lodi Arts Commissioners – Bader, Buchler, Burgess, Carey, Clemons, Gillier, Heinitz, Heinitz, Inman, Lawson, and Chairman Callahan

Absent: Lodi Arts Commissioners – Stockar

Also Present: City Manager King, Deputy City Attorney Magdich, and Deputy City Clerk Taylor

B. TOPIC(S)

B-1 “Discussion of items of mutual concern”

Laura Heinitz, member of the Lodi Arts Commission, gave a presentation focusing on the benefits of art programs in the community. She reported that in Lodi the non-profit arts are at least a \$3.8 million industry (filed). She shared that the mission of the Lodi Arts Commission is “to advance the arts in Lodi by partnering with the entire community to provide quality programs and events that foster creative expression.” The vision of the Lodi Arts Commission is to “envision unlimited opportunities and resources available to further the arts so that access to participation by all community members is not hindered by economic, social, or cultural barriers. Through the arts, our local economy and culture is invigorated for the benefit of our collective future.” Goals for the Commission in 2006-07 include:

- Assist with sponsorship for Arts Directory publication.
- Stabilization of local arts organizations by adopting art groups to mentor through 501c3 process.
- Maintain current programs.
- Collaborate with the Lodi Arts Project Fund to promote new projects to be more accessible to the whole of the Lodi community.

Ms. Heinitz reported that revenue for arts classes in 2004-05 was \$108,000, and in 2005-06 it is projected at \$130,000. Grant funding in 2004-05 was \$50,000, and in 2005-06 grant awards totaled \$30,010. She recommended the following 2006-07 grant awards totaling \$36,230:

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| ➤ Changing Faces Theatre Company | \$10,000 |
| ➤ Lodi Community Art Center Art Hop | \$ 2,080 |
| ➤ Lodi Community Art Center Youth Project | \$ 8,450 |
| ➤ Lodi Theatre for Youth | \$13,700 |
| ➤ Lodi Children’s Chorus | \$ 2,000 |

Cynthia Inman, member of the Arts Commission, shared that last winter her teenage son, Jacob Inman, expressed concern about the long-term support of the victims of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. As an artist and musician, he devised a plan to host a concert featuring local vocalists and approached the Lodi Arts Commission for support. Three months later, he had organized the venue, performers, sponsors, musicians, food and beverage vendors, and was able to sell more than 400 tickets to his sold out event. Jacob Inman earned \$8,000, which was donated to the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Relief Fund.

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Robert Krantz, Theater Technician and Instructor, introduced 13-year-old Ivan Rodriguez, a student in his Arts Commission-sponsored course, which is designed to get youth involved in the theater at Hutchins Street Square. Mr. Krantz stated that Ivan's interest lies in working behind the scenes in the theatrical arts; although, he has agreed to perform on stage for a last-minute production to help out his fellow students. His parents shared that Ivan has improved his performance in school and is a happier boy who is willing to try new things and develop new skills as a direct result of his participation in the theater program. Mr. and Mrs. Rodriguez thanked the Arts Commission and the City Council for making such programs available for their son and other community children.

C. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Jacqueline L. Taylor
Deputy City Clerk