

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 16, 2013, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hansen, Council Member Johnson, and Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian

Absent: Council Member Mounce, and Mayor Nakanishi

Also Present: City Manager Bartlam, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Report on Senior Services (PRCS)

City Manager Rad Bartlam briefly introduced the subject matter of senior services in the City.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director Jeff Hood provided a report regarding senior services in the City. Mr. Hood specifically discussed the delivery of senior services to the community in a more effective and efficient manner in partnership with the Loel Center and Lodi Health. Additional speakers included the following: Ryan Holz and Tracy Williams (Loel Center), Jennifer Winn (Senior Center Coordinator), Terri Whitmire, and Mark Sey (Lodi Health).

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Holz stated the proposal is to utilize both facilities under one umbrella to avoid duplication of programs, expand certain programs, and streamline the efforts of both the City and the Loel Center.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Hood stated that financially the Loel Center would assume all costs for program expansion to the Senior Center and the City would provide some utility assistance for the Senior Center facility, which it does not currently do for the existing Loel Center.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Ms. Winn stated currently the Senior Center and Loel Center operate independently of one another. Ms. Winn described the information and referral based services provided at the Senior Center versus the program based services provided at the Loel Center. Ms. Winn stated the Senior Center operates with broader open hours versus with set activity and program hours.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Bartlam stated the proposal is before the City Council conceptually because currently the Loel Center does not have an ability to expand in its current location but has a great demand for services and the Senior Center in turn has the space for additional programming to be offered by Loel's management team. Mr. Bartlam stated the topic will come before the City Council in the future for specific action with a memorandum of understanding.

Council Member Hansen and Council Member Johnson indicated that, when the matter comes back before the Council for action, they would also like to see a proposed organizational chart, costs for operations and personnel, and participation rates for both the Loel Center and Senior Center.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Hood stated currently the pool exercise programs are run through the Recreation Division. He stated in the future, with Lodi Health involvement, the pool could be used for prescription therapy or other direct health and medical based needs.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sey stated in the future he and Mr. Hood may discuss taking over the pool for all senior-related uses including specific health based uses and free swim for seniors.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Mr. Hood stated currently the pool is used by seniors approximately 75% of the time. He stated the pool will also continue to be available for general public use, including the well-attended open family swim program, through the Recreation Division.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Ms. Williams stated the Loel Center put together a draft budget and is confident in its ability to provide adequate funding and staffing for the expansion.

In response to Council Member Hansen, Ms. Williams stated Loel Center will add some part-time staff and expand hours for existing staff, two locations operating as one will help seniors in the entire City to access services, and there may be an ability to bring the Meals on Wheels program in-house. Ms. Williams stated the additional space at the Senior Center will also allow her to feed more seniors at the Loel Center on a daily basis because the lunch space will not be competing with program space.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk



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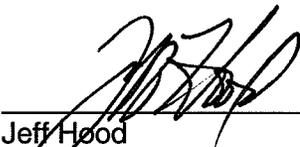
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AGENDA TITLE: Report on Senior Services
MEETING DATE: April 16, 2013
PREPARED BY: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

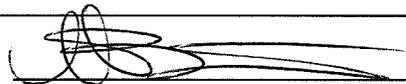
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report on senior services in the City of Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City of Lodi opened its senior center in 1990, constructing a portion of the Hutchins Street Square complex with a bequest from the estate of William Holz. The Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The LOEL Center, founded by William Holz, has provided services to seniors since the 1970s. It is unusual for a city the size of Lodi to have two senior centers operated by different organizations. Staff has been exploring ways to streamline, expand and improve the ways senior services are provided to the community. City staff, representatives of the LOEL Senior Center and Lodi Health will provide the Council with an oral report on these latest steps.



Jeff Hood
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director

APPROVED: 

Konradt Bartlam, City Manager