

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2014**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, March 4, 2014, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

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

Absent: Council Member Nakanishi

Also Present: Interim City Manager Schwabauer, Interim City Attorney Magdich, and City Clerk Johl-Olson

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Street Lighting Issues and Potential Solutions for East Lodi (EU)

Electric Utility Director Elizabeth Kirkley provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the east Lodi street lighting issues. Specific topics of discussion included background, interim solutions, other communities comparisons, and options and cost estimates.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Ms. Kirkley stated the cobra head lighting can be deenergized and turned off at the top and turned back on when needed.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Interim City Manager Stephen Schwabauer stated when lights are vandalized cobra heads could be left on during the entire interim period if so desired.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Engineering and Operations Manager Jay Marchesseault stated he is aware of one case where the globe light was vandalized instead of the access cover. Sergeant Steve Maynard stated the access point is preferred for vandalism because it can take out an entire chain darkening a neighborhood whereas a globe illuminates a smaller area.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Ms. Kirkley confirmed that the cost for option one is approximately \$285,000 and the cost for option two is approximately \$1 million.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Police Chief Mark Helms stated light vandalism is not a unique situation to the City of Lodi and other communities are reviewing similar solutions. A brief discussion ensued between Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen and Chief Helms regarding technology-based security solutions and a cash reward through Crime Stoppers.

A brief discussion ensued amongst the City Council and Chief Helms regarding the fear of retaliation and whether citizens residing in the affected neighborhood will actively participate in reporting vandalism.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Chief Helms confirmed that staff can look into options for scheduling community meetings on the east side to reenergize the neighborhood as previous meetings have done. Council Member Mounce suggested methods for increasing turn-out at the community meetings including sending notices home with students who attend east side schools.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Chief Helms stated to date he has not seen a direct correlation between increased crime and the challenges associated with the lighting on the east side.

The City Council provided general direction through discussion indicating a preference for option one with additional security measures and wiring solutions.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Marchesseault stated staff is looking into options to tamper proof the access covers.

Ed Miller spoke in regard to his concerns about the community taking back its neighborhood and participating in community meetings.

John Slaughterback spoke in regard to his concerns about notifying the public at large about the lighting issues and providing an alternative to crime for young people in the community.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Randi Johl-Olson
City Clerk



**CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

AGENDA TITLE: Street Lighting Issues and Potential Solutions for East Lodi
MEETING DATE: March 4, 2014
PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report of street lighting issues and potential solutions for east Lodi.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Street lights on concrete post top standards were installed on the east side of Lodi in the 1990's. Recently, there has been a dramatic increase in vandalism with what appears to be a means to darken the streets in this area. For purposes of this report, the definition of east Lodi includes all areas east of the Union Pacific railroad tracks, north of Vine Street, south of Lockeford Street, and west of Cherokee Lane.

Staff will provide the City Council with a presentation outlining the issues encountered, interim measures that have been taken, and various options for a permanent solution to address the street light vandalism in east Lodi.

FISCAL IMPACT: None directly related to the preparation of this report. However, the presentation will provide the City Council with financial impacts related to this issue.

FUNDING AVAILABLE: Not applicable.

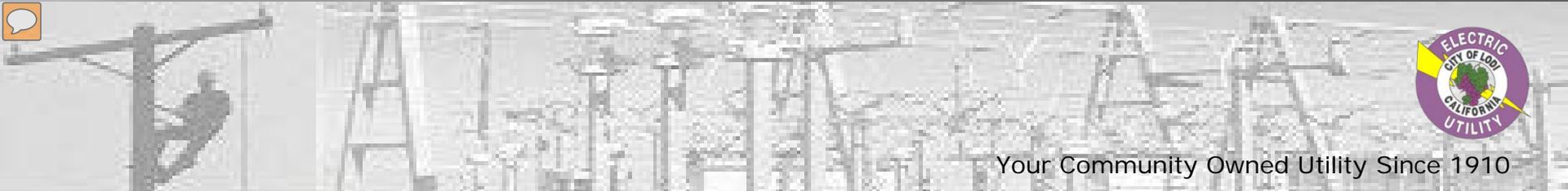


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Electric Utility Director

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APPROVED: 

Stephen Schwabauer, Interim City Manager



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East Lodi Street Lighting Issues

East Lodi Street Lighting



- ▣ Background
- ▣ Interim Solutions
- ▣ Other Communities
- ▣ Options & Cost Estimates

Background

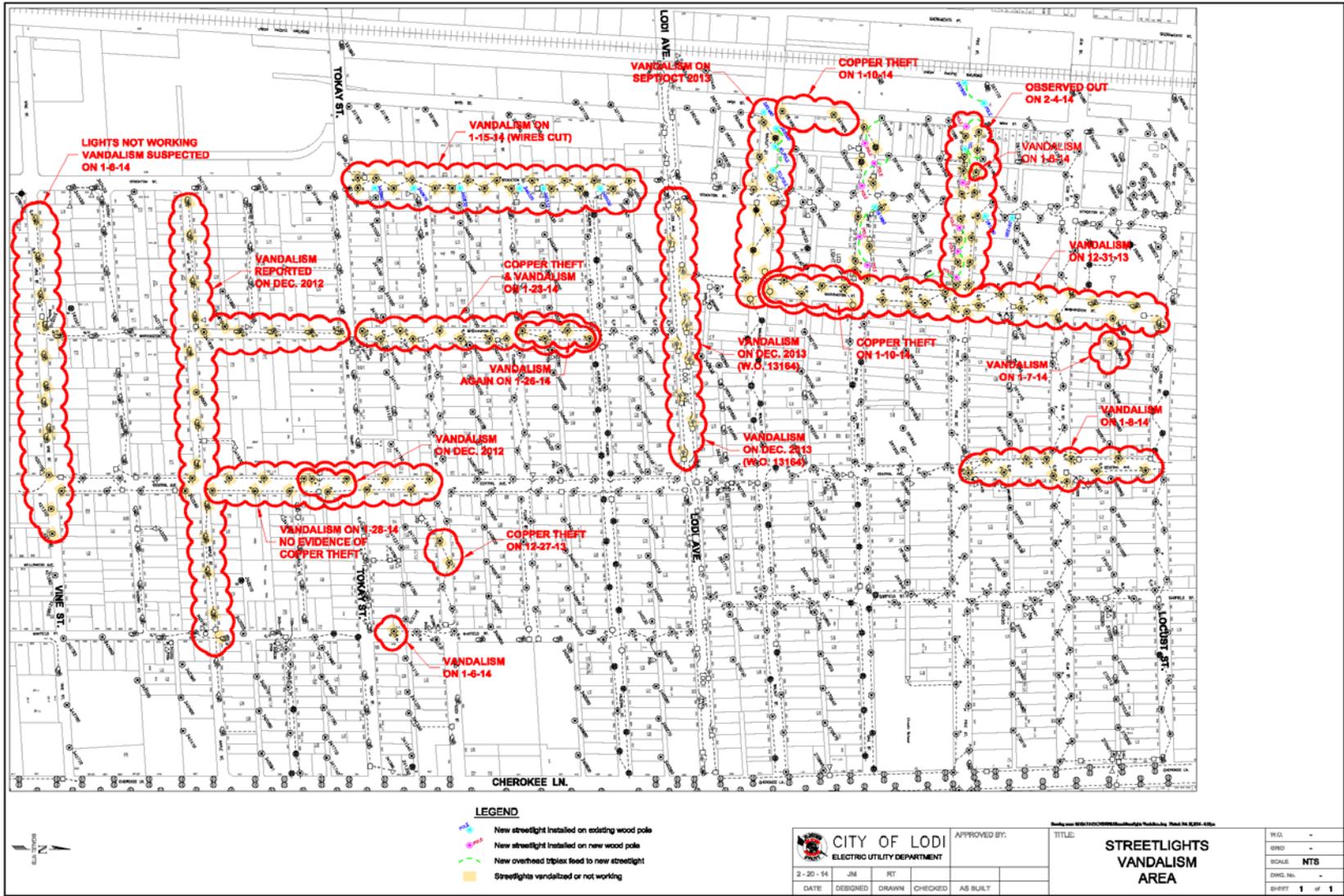


- ▣ Copper theft & vandalism
- ▣ Most instances pure vandalism
- ▣ Perpetrators darkening streets
- ▣ PD suspects gang-related activity
- ▣ Access panels compromised & wires cut
- ▣ Multiple “tamper proof” access panel covers
- ▣ Repair work re-vandalized

Background



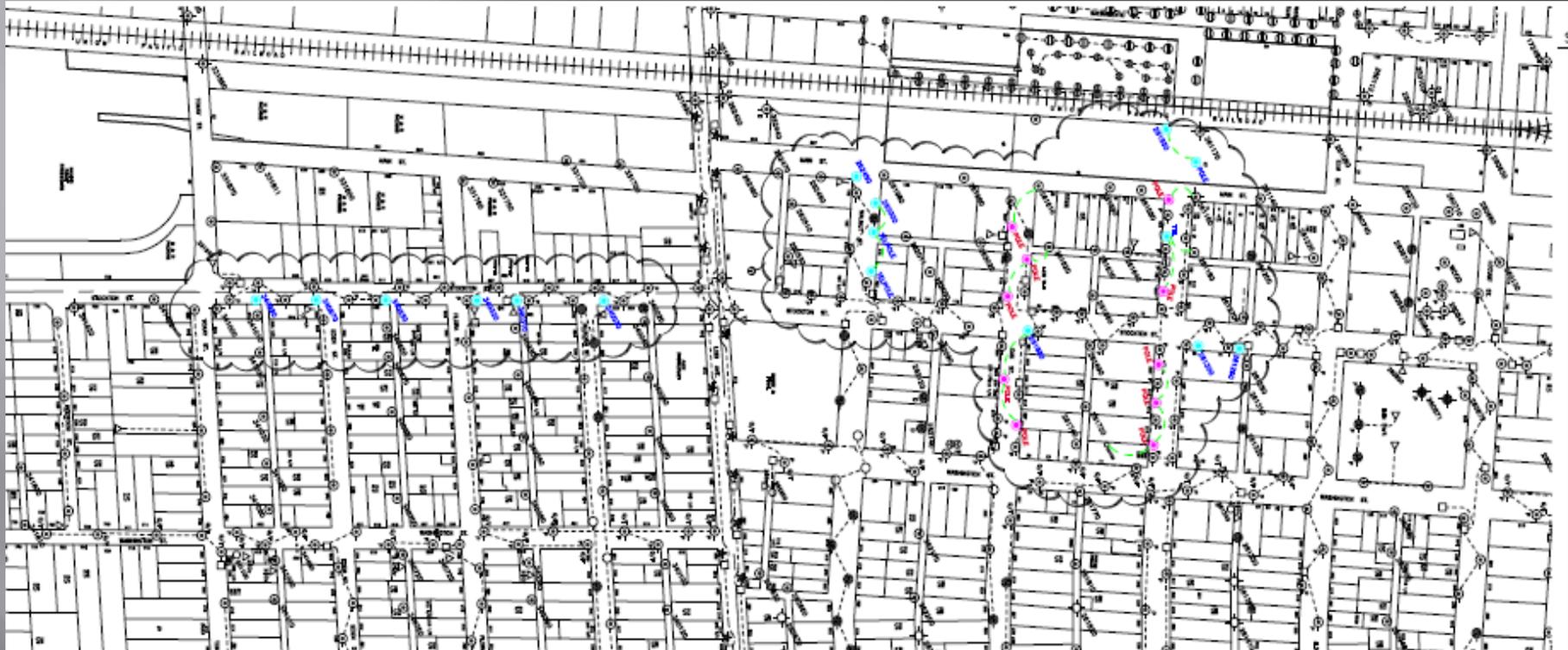
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Interim Solutions

- ▣ Restoring Light
 - High Pressure Sodium (HPS) cobra head lights
 - Existing and new wooden poles
 - Powered overhead
- ▣ Collaborative effort with Police Department
 - Extra patrols
 - One arrest
- ▣ East Lodi Community Meeting
 - Thursday, February 27, 6 p.m. @ Loel Center
 - Discussion & feedback

Interim Solutions



LEGEND

-  New streetlight installed on existing wood pole
-  New streetlight installed on new wood pole
-  New overhead triplex feed to new streetlight



Interim Solutions





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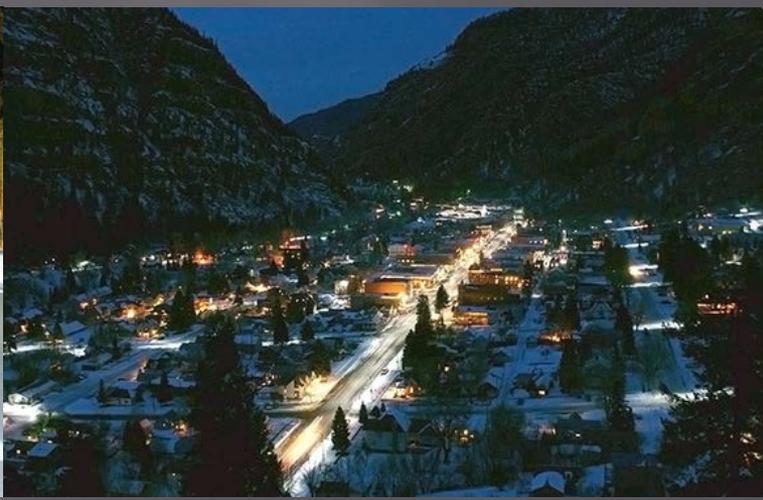


Other Communities

- ▣ Neighborhood Watches
- ▣ LED cobra head lights
- ▣ Tamper proof access covers
- ▣ Increased Police Patrols



Other Communities



Options & Cost Estimates

- ▣ Option 1 (~\$285k)
 - Continue HPS cobra head installations
 - Repair post top lights
 - Gradually de-energize cobra heads lights
 - Remove cobra heads
- ▣ Option 2 (~\$1,000k)
 - Make HPS cobra head permanent
- ▣ Option 3 (~\$1,200k)
 - Convert to new LED cobra head lighting technology