



LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Carnegie Forum
305 West Pine Street, Lodi

AGENDA
Date: November 10, 2020
Time: 6:00 P.M.

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For information regarding this agenda please contact:
Kari Chadwick @ (209) 333-6711
Community Development Secretary

1. Roll Call
2. Approve Minutes - None
3. Comments by the Public on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)
If you wish to address the Commission, please refer to the Special Teleconference Notice at the beginning of this agenda. Individuals are limited to one appearance during this section.
4. Special Projects
 - A. Review Staff presentation and provide recommendation to City Council on Harmony Homes project
5. Annual Goals
 - A. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 - a. Staff update on scoring rubric for 2021-2022 AAP
 - b. Staff update on preliminary needs assessment for CDBG-CV funding
 - B. Update on LIC 2020-2021 Goals from Members and Staff
 - a. Identify specific goals to address following draft by-laws:
 - 1) Promote safer neighborhoods
 - 2) Encourage the community improvements
 - 3) Advocated for underrepresented groups
 - 4) Promote sustainable and equitable community
 - 5) Be transparent and accessible
 - 6) Build relationships and collaborate
 - 7) Support Implementation of CDBG and similar programs
 - 8) Identify potential community resources
 - 9) Promote participatory government
 - C. Draft By-Laws Presentation to City Council December 2nd
6. Regular Business
 - A. Determine topics for upcoming meetings
 - a. December – CDBG NOFA Workshop
 - b. January – CDBG Applicant Presentations
7. Comments from Board members and Staff on Non-Agenda Items (5 minute limit per speaker)
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

Pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code of the State of California, this agenda was posted at least 72 hours in advance of the regularly scheduled meeting (or 24 hours in advance of a special meeting) at a public place freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day.

Patrice Clemons
CDBG Program Specialist



MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Community Development Department

To: Lodi Improvement Committee
From: Patrice Clemons, CDBG Program Specialist/City Staff Liaison
Date: November 10, 2020
Subject: Staff Report on Harmony Homes and Updates to Annual Goals.

Purpose: Lodi Improvement Committee 1) supports Staff in implementation of the City's five-year Consolidated Plan including conducting outreach, providing feedback on program processes, and making recommendations to the City Council on funding and project priorities; 2) has its purpose of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community; 3) creates and takes action to implement annual goals.

Action: Lodi Improvement Committee will 1) review staff presentation and provide recommendation to City Council on Harmony Homes project; 2) receive report from Staff on status of CDBG program and will provide feedback on scoring rubric; 3) identify specific goals to address draft by-law revisions and receive updates and provide direction on annual goals.

Background:

Staff presentation on Harmony Homes and Committee review and recommendation to City Council

In December 2018, the San Joaquin Continuum of Care (SJCoC) awarded the City \$1,250,000 in HEAP grant funds for its tiny home permanent supportive housing project. On May 1, 2019, the City Council accepted the award.

City staff worked with numerous stakeholders to gather feedback on and evaluate potential sites, including Lodi's Committee on Homelessness, a town hall meeting, homeless services providers, local advocacy groups such as Take Back Lodi, local law enforcement, developers, and residents with these and other partners. Factors for site selection were deliberated, such as vacant lots, proximity to resources for project residents, compatibility with surrounding uses, compliance with zoning and development codes, concentration of similar type projects, property acquisition costs, and site development costs such as environmental assessments and clearance.

As a result of this feedback, City staff and stakeholders vetted numerous sites before deciding on a proposed location at 301 East Lodi Avenue. This site meets the criteria for proximity to resources for project residents, compatibility with surrounding uses, compliance with zoning and development codes, low acquisition cost and ease of acquisition, and low anticipated development costs such as environmental assessment and clearance. However, a Phase 2 environmental assessment is being conducted and results are anticipated mid-November.

Project Description:

The City's tiny home project will create four units of permanent housing for homeless individuals and families or those at risk of homelessness. This supportive housing will help at-risk individuals/families move into long-term, affordable housing where they can continue their progress toward stable and independent living.

The project will receive tenant referrals from local organizations including Salvation Army, Lodi House and Women's Center, as well as the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin (HACSJ). HACSJ will supply housing choice vouchers to tenants. Volunteer supportive housing services will be available for tenants, and tenants will sign lease agreements that include appropriate maintenance of each unit. The City has partnered with HACSJ to manage the construction of this project. Also, the City will acquire or provide the land for the project site and HACSJ will own and manage the tiny homes project, similar to its other housing properties.

Community Engagement:

City staff and volunteers are reaching out to the public and stakeholder to obtain feedback on this project. Community engagement efforts will include at minimum: a presentation to the Lodi Committee on Homelessness, interviews with stakeholders, presentations to various community groups, flyer, press release, canvassing to nearby properties, online survey, posting project information on the City website and social media, and City Council meeting on December 2, 2020.

For more information and to provide your feedback, please visit www.lodi.gov/1013.

Proposed Motion: Lodi Improvement Committee supports this project as outlined in the support letter and recommends that the City Council approve the Harmony Homes project located at 301 East Lodi Avenue.

Staff update on 2021-2022 AAP schedule

The 2021-2022 AAP is due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15, 2021. In recent years, HUD has announced deadline extensions due to federal funding delays and, most recently, the Covid-19 pandemic. HUD will likely make its announcement for funding and deadlines in Spring of 2021.

The following process is planned for the 2021-22 AAP cycle:

- November – begin to prepare community outreach materials and schedule needs assessment meeting with stakeholders or similar outreach.
- Late November – published notice for upcoming release of funding availability
- Early December – published notice of funding availability (NOFA), and application presentation and community outreach meeting at regular LIC meeting
- Mid December – attend community outreach event
- January – potential applicants provide presentations or answer questions at regular LIC meeting
- January/Feb - begin consultations
- March – vote on final scores and allocations at regularly scheduled LIC meeting
- Mid March – draft AAP released to public for 30 day public review
- Mid April – presented draft AAP to City Council
- May – presented final AAP to City Council for approval

The City prepared and submitted an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) report to HUD in August 2016 for review and approval. The City is required to complete an AI prior to approval of its five-year plan, so that the recommendations provided in the report are incorporated into the City's five-year Consolidated Plan. The City received feedback on its AI to conduct additional analysis and adjust goals. The City

resubmitted the plan for approval in 2018. The City is drafting a schedule for the next AI (or Assessment of Fair Housing, as required under state law). This information will be shared with the committee when finalized.

The scoring rubric from last year has been attached and staff will receive comments and feedback on rubric.

Staff update on CDBG-CV funding process and draft needs assessment

HUD has recently allocated additional funds to jurisdictions across the Country in an effort to help better respond to immediate needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the City of Lodi could receive approximately \$795,000 in additional Community Development Block Grant – Covid Response (CDBG-CV) funds. Funds can be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus impact. For a current summary of eligible activities, see this online HUD brochure: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/DOB-TA-CDBG-summary-table-Notes-06232020-Attachment.pdf>.

The City is currently evaluating potential projects, including consideration of a homeless shelter and services, small business loan/grant program, rental assistance, and more. As the initial vetting step, the City has begun consultations with stakeholders and a business survey to assess greatest needs. Staff will present more details at meeting.

To obtain HUD approval for any project, the City is required to follow CDBG procures for updating its consolidated, annual, and citizen participation plans. HUD requires the City to follow typical processes, except for reduced public engagement requirements in order to expedite the use of funds.

For the most up to date information on CDBG-CV requirements, please see HUD's resource page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/disease/>

Updates on Draft 2020-2021 LIC Annual Goals

Please see the Committee's attached draft 2020-2021 LIC Annual Goals. Members will provide an update on more specific and targeted descriptions for these draft goals. Final goals are anticipated to be finished by December.

Review of Draft By-Law Revisions

In January 2020, the LIC presented its annual accomplishments to the City Council and requested feedback on revisions to its by-laws. City Council directed LIC to prepare revisions for them to consider at a future date; and to maintain a balance between goals for enforcement of laws and goals focused on prevention and empowerment. Staff and members finalized draft by-law revisions at the previous meeting (attached) and plan to present these to City Council on December 2, 2020.

Fiscal Impact:

The City received \$1.2 million in HEAP funds for the Harmony Homes project. HUD's annual allocation for CDBG funds will be announced in Spring 2021; the City estimates receiving \$600,000. HUD announced \$795,000 in potential CDBG-CV funds for City of Lodi.

Attachments:

1. Harmony Homes Support Letter
2. Previous 2020-21 AAP Scoring Rubric

3. Draft 2020-2021 LIC Annual Goals
4. Draft Revision to By-Laws



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To: Members of the City of Lodi City Council
Re: Recommendation for approval of the Harmony Homes Project at 301 East Lodi Avenue

We, the undersigned, fully support the approval of the recommendation to locate the Harmony Homes Project at 301 East Lodi Avenue. We recommend that approval of this location for the following reasons:

1. Harmony Homes will provide permanent supportive housing for individuals and/or families who are moving beyond homelessness to become independent and self-sufficient or who are at-risk of homelessness. Residences of these homes will include graduates of programs operated by our local Salvation Army, Lodi House, and Women's Center Youth & Family Services.
2. Residents of these homes will pay rent and abide by an agreement concerning tenant responsibilities and behavior.
3. Harmony Homes will be managed by the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin (HACSJ) who will be responsible for the physical up-keep of the property; HACSJ has extensive experience managing these kinds of properties.
4. Currently the 301 E. Lodi Avenue site is an undeveloped lot and the addition of the homes to this location will improve the physical appearance of this intersection and the neighborhood.

We urge you to approve this location. By doing so, the City of Lodi makes it possible for residents to live full and complete lives in our community.

We certify that on November 10, 2020, the Lodi Improvement Committee of the City of Lodi approved its support of this project and recommends that the City Council approve this project.

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

David Diskin, Chair

City of Lodi – CDBG Application Rating Tool (2020-21)

Applicant:

Proposed Project:

Total Points Earned: out of 127 points

Scorer Name:

Instructions for Lodi Improvement Committee

Score all metrics, except “Staff Only” highlighted metrics on the final page. Staff will add its score to LIC members’ scores for a total score. Questions marked “RD” may be scored per the Reviewer’s Discretion.

#	Score	Proposed Project Meets National Objectives and Consolidate Plan Goals
3c		<p>The activity description is complete:</p> <p>3: Activity description clearly explains the program/project.</p> <p>1: Activity description is missing some information, but missing information is not critical to understanding the program/project.</p> <p>0: Activity description is missing key information.</p>
5		<p>The activity meets one of the three national Objectives:</p> <p>3: Activity principally benefits low- and moderate- income persons.</p> <p>1: Activity prevents or eliminates blight or slum.</p> <p>NA: Activity addresses an urgent need or problem in the community.</p>
6a		<p>The activity meets one of the City’s 2019-23 Consolidated Plan goals:</p> <p>4: Yes, meets higher priority goal.</p> <p>2: Yes, meets lower priority goal.</p> <p>0: No.</p> <p>__List the goal(s) that it meets here: _____</p>
6b		<p>How closely does the program or project address the goal(s)?</p> <p>5: Project/program clearly and directly addresses goal(s).</p> <p>3: Project/program mostly addresses goal(s).</p> <p>0: Project/program does not address goal(s).</p>
RD		<p>What level of priority does this goal have during the 2020-21 program year?</p> <p>5: High Priority (e.g. urgent need, project won’t be available next year).</p> <p>3: Regular priority.</p> <p>1: Low priority (e.g. goal already met by other previous year projects).</p>
Total		out of 20

City of Lodi – CDBG Application Rating Tool (2020-21)

#	Score	Serving Priority Populations and Needs
7c		<p>Activity will serve how many of the following targeted priority populations:</p> <p>5: Two of the targeted priority populations. 3: One of the targeted priority populations. 0: None of the targeted priority populations.</p>
7d		<p>Activity will primarily serve the target priority populations selected above:</p> <p>5: More than 95% of population served will be priority population. 3: Between 75% to 94% of population served will be priority population. 0: Less than 75% of population served will be priority population.</p>
7e		<p>How effective will the project be in reaching targeted populations?</p> <p>5: Very effective. 2: Effective. 0: Not effective.</p>
8a & 8b		<p>Activity will serve how many of the following priority need(s):</p> <p>5: Two of the targeted priority needs. 3: One of the targeted priority needs. 0: None of the targeted priority needs.</p>
9a		<p>How much of an impact will the project have in addressing the priority need?</p> <p>5: Strong impact. 2: Regular impact. 0: Small impact.</p>
9b		<p>How clear is the applicant’s method of measuring their project’s impact?</p> <p>5: Applicant provided a clear method for measuring impact. 3: Applicant provided a method for measuring impact that partially outlines the impact. 1: Applicant provided a method for measuring impact that has a poor correlation to the need.</p>
10		<p>Activity’s Potential benefit to the City of Lodi:</p> <p>1-5: Activity’s benefit to the community as a whole. 0: No benefit to Lodi.</p>
Total		out of 35

City of Lodi – CDBG Application Rating Tool (2020-21)

#	Score	Readiness to Proceed During Program Year
11a		<p>Are all predevelopment steps complete?</p> <p>5: All predevelopment steps that are necessary have been completed.</p> <p>3: Some predevelopment steps have been completed, with all the steps likely to be completed by July 1, 2020.</p> <p>1: Predevelopment steps are in process but unlikely to be completed by July 1, 2020.</p> <p>0: Predevelopment has not been adequately considered.</p>
11a		<p>Does the project align with the 2020-21 CDBG program year?</p> <p>5: Project will begin after July 1, 2020 and end on or before June 30, 2021.</p> <p>3: Project will begin after July 1, 2020 and end on or before December 30, 2021.</p> <p>0: Project will be completed on or after January 1, 2021.</p>
11a & 11b		<p>How realistic is the project's timeline?</p> <p>5: Project timeline is realistic, with systems in place to address potential delays.</p> <p>2: Project timeline is realistic, but will limited systems in place to address potential delays.</p> <p>0: Project timeline is unrealistic.</p>
Total		out of 15

City of Lodi – CDBG Application Rating Tool (2020-21)

#	Score	Activity Management, Implementation, and Community Building
16a		<p>How much experience does the organization have in managing the proposed program/project or similar projects and/or programs?</p> <p>5: Has more than 10 years of experience managing the proposed programs/project. 2: Has two to nine years of experience managing the proposed or similar programs/project. 0: Has 0 to one years of experience managing the proposed or similar programs/project.</p>
16b		<p>Has the organization taken steps to address past challenges to implementing past projects?</p> <p>5: Organization has taken all steps and has addressed previous challenges. 0: Organization has not addressed all previous challenges.</p>
17		<p>How much experience does the organization have in managing federal/state grants?</p> <p>5: Has more than three years of experience managing CDBG grants. 2: Has more than three years of experience managing other non-CDBG grants. 0: Has less than three years of experience managing grants.</p>
18a & 18b		<p>Does the organization have sufficient staff to support their project/program?</p> <p>4: Has the appropriate staff readily available to support the project/program. 2: Anticipates hiring more staff to complete the project. 0: Does not have sufficient staff and does not anticipate hiring more staff.</p>
20a & 20b		<p>Is the organization partnering or working with any other local agencies?</p> <p>5: Has a reference from a partner agency and is working together with a local organization. 3: Is working with a local organization but did not provide a reference. 0: Is not working with any other local organizations.</p>
21-22		<p>Are any there any funding commitments that could prohibit the project from following the timeline?</p> <p>3: Project will be completed fully without needing further funding commitment from another source. 2: Project is likely to be fully completed but depends on funding commitments from other organizations/source. 0: Project may not be fully completed.</p>
23		<p>Does the program/project budget and funding explanation show sufficient resources to support the project/program?</p> <p>5-10: The financial statement shows sufficient resources to support the project/program. 1-4: The financial statement raises concerns for the organization's long-term stability to implement the program/project. 0: The financial statement indicates significant problems with expenditures or oversight.</p>
23		<p>Does the budget clearly identify the costs/expenses that CDBG funds will cover?</p> <p>5: Budget clearly identifies CDBG covered costs/expenses. 0: Budget has missing information on what costs/expenses will be covered by the grant.</p>
Total		out of 42

LIC Total	LIC Subtotal: Points _____ out of 112
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City of Lodi – CDBG Application Rating Tool (2020-21)

Instructions for City of Lodi Staff

Determine the following and answer as either Yes or No:

#	Y / N	Requirement Criteria
		Activity is eligible under CDBG.
5		Activity meets one National Objective .
14		For public services, the service is new or an expansion of existing service.
		Applicant submitted a complete application (all questions filled out and attachments).
		Applicant meets all the threshold criteria above. If so, continue scoring.

Score these metrics, then add the Staff Total to the LIC Total for a Grand Total.

#	Staff Score	Experience and Past Performance
24a		<p>In the past 5 years, the applicant:</p> <p>5: Expended funds according to their schedule in their contract and within program year.</p> <p>3: Expended funds up to six months beyond the program year.</p> <p>0: Has unexpended funds that are more than 18 months old.</p> <p><i>Note: Applicants who have not received City grants in the past 5 years are awarded all 5 points.</i></p>
24b		<p>In the past 5 years, the applicant:</p> <p>5: Turned in all required reports fully completed and on time.</p> <p>3: Reports not fully completed or not on time; however, made an effort to improve reporting performance and exhibited a significant improvement.</p> <p>0: Turned in required reports uncompleted or late and showed little improvement in reporting compliance.</p> <p><i>Note: Applicants who have not received City grants in the past 5 years are awarded all 3 points.</i></p>
24c		<p>In the past 5 years, the applicant:</p> <p>5: Sufficiently completed all activities in their scope of services.</p> <p>3: Completed most of the activities in their scope of services.</p> <p>0: Exhibited serious issues in adhering to their scope of services.</p> <p><i>Note: Applicants who have not received City grants in the past 5 years are awarded all 2 points.</i></p>
Staff Total		Staff Subtotal: Points _____ out of 15 (staff only)

Grand Total		Grand Total Points: _____ out of 127 (staff only)
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LIC Goals 2021

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1. 🏠 Assisting the Unsheltered Population

A. Relationship with the Lodi Committee on Homelessness

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
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B. Point in Time (PIT) Count

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
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Spread the Word	Create two social media posts to solicit volunteers for the PIT event, and a third post to thank those volunteers.		David
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Participate	Recruit at least three LIC members to participate.		David
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Report to Committee	Report the findings of the PIT count back to the committee.		Kathryn
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Report via Social Media	Create one social media post that reports the findings and links to the detailed report by the County.		David
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2. East Side Improvement

A. Address Language Barriers

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
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B. Assist Senior Citizens

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
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Food

Health

Transportation

C. Advocate for Traffic and Lighting Improvements

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
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D. Advance Youth Programs, Sports, and Arts

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
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Police and Fire

Gift Program

Art in Public Spaces or
Mural

3. □ COVID Response

A. Grants

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

B. Assist Students with Distance Learning

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

4. □ Community Improvement

A. Relationship with ABCD + Love Your Block

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

5. ☐☐ Civic Engagement and LIC Meetings

A. Main Heading

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

6. ☐ Housing and Renting

A. Affordable Housing

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

B. Discourage NIMBY

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

C. Know Your Rights for Tenants

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

D. Increase Homeownership

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

E. Resource Accessibility

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

F. Block Parties (post-COVID)

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

7. 🔍 Transparency and Accountability

A. Info Website / Pamphlet

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

B. Multilingual Meetings and Agendas

General description goes here.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee

8. Administrative

A. Bylaws Revision

Propose changes to the Lodi City Council that reflect a positive, community-focused Lodi Improvement Committee.

Specific Goal	Description	Date	Assignee
Draft New Bylaws	Collect input from committee and create the draft.	✓	David
Approve by LIC	Review as a committee and make final changes, then approve.	✓	LIC
Translate	Translate into Spanish and Urdu.		Patrice
Submit to City Council			Patrice
Revisions from CC			David
Resubmit to CC			Patrice
Approval by CC			CC

LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Current	Proposed Draft
SECTION I. GENERAL PURPOSE	SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE
The Lodi Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community.	<i>(No change proposed.)</i>
SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/ PURPOSES	SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS
The Committee is organized and created to:	The Committee will: <i>(Removed redundancy.)</i>
A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch.	A) Promote safer neighborhoods by encouraging neighborhood communication and collaboration, and increasing awareness of community resources and support structures, <i>(This focuses on the positive aspects of community building, and providing support, rather than using negative words like “combat” and tasking the committee with responsibilities that we are not equipped to handle (drugs, prostitution). Based on community feedback, we have specifically not mentioned any group or program as some have been perceived as racist.</i>
B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of properties throughout Lodi, with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business, and government.	B) Encourage the community to improve its properties, services, social impact, and quality of life through positive recognition and support new and existing programs that do the same, <i>(Reworded for positivity and brevity, added services.)</i>
C) To act as an advocate for residents in issues dealing with the upgrade, improvement and maintenance of all infrastructure, including streets, alleys, water, sewer and storm drainage systems.	C) Advocate for underrepresented groups in our community, including the underprivileged and those experiencing homelessness, <i>(Refocused on those who most need a voice. Public works issues are addressed in other areas.)</i>
D) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire,	D) Promote a sustainable and equitable Lodi with regards to food, housing, transportation, energy, jobs, public

<p>and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by property owners, residents, and businesses.</p>	<p>facilities, utilities, public spaces, and other vital aspects of a thriving community, <i>(Added.)</i></p>
<p>E) To coordinate with churches, civic and community groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.</p>	<p>I) Be transparent and accessible to the community about these goals and our progress towards them (including non-English-speaking residents and culturally-relevant communication channels). <i>(Split into H and I, and repositioned to the end.)</i></p>
<p>F) To work with business community to encourage a healthy business climate.</p>	<p>H) Build relationships and collaborate throughout the community to achieve these goals, <i>(Refocused to the community rather than just the business community which is the focus of the Lodi Chamber of Commerce.)</i></p>
<p>G) Provide acknowledgement to properties and businesses throughout the City that show marked improvements in service and appearance that contributes to the image and quality of the community.</p>	<p><i>(Merged with B.)</i></p>
	<p>E) Support the implementation of CDBG’s national objectives and similar programs and the City’s efforts to fairly review and distribute program funding, as directed by the Community Development Department, <i>(Added, as we have already been doing this.)</i></p>
	<p>F) Identify potential resources that support these goals, and others that foster community development, and present them to the community, <i>(Added, as we have already been doing this.)</i></p>
	<p>G) Promote participatory government throughout the community regarding awareness, advocacy, and policy, particularly towards the programs and activities of this committee, <i>(Added.)</i></p>