

# Lakeport Economic Development Advisory Committee (LEDAC) Meeting

City of Lakeport, 225 Park Street, Lakeport, CA

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

**LEDAC Members Present:** Denise Combs, Bill Eaton, Melissa Fulton, Pam Harpster, Christine Hutt, Terre Logsdon, Wilda Shock, Taira St. John, Panette Talia.

**Guests:** Valerie Jensen (Mendocino College), Andy Lucas (Community Development Services), Doug Hutchison (Lakeport Fire Protection District), Bill Hadden and David Velasquez (Friends of the Taylor Observatory), Dan Peterson (Sutter Lakeside Hospital), Mireya Turner, Dana Thibreau.

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER at 7:35am.

George Feola has resigned and moved out of the area. There is one vacancy on LEDAC.

## 2. UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS - Wilda on behalf of Kevin Ingram.

- Lakeport Lakefront Revitalization Plan
  - Goes to the City Council on September 19; public input is still welcome. Positive discussions with Lakeport Unified School District regarding Natural High property. City will issue a RFP on promenade design. Some zoning changes may be recommended.
- Hotel Feasibility Study
  - The City has received an extension on USDA grant funds to use for marketing the study. Margaret and Kevin are meeting with potential investors with the EB5 program for possible partnering possibilities.
- Carnegie Library
  - Bid for elevator lift and other projects came in at twice the estimate. Will separate the projects, use funds to purchase lift and installation as well as projects upstairs to provide access; the rest will have to come later. ADA bathroom portion will go out to bid at a later time; in the meantime, public restrooms in the park will be available for use with events.
- Library Park and City Streets
  - Seawall will be addressed next summer and be included in promenade plan. Some FEMA money to cover repaving Sayre and Green streets due to re-routing of Lakeshore Blvd during storms. October-December, the bank along Lakeshore Blvd will be rehabilitated.
- Giselman Street
  - Completed
- Public Works Projects
  - CDBG funds for off-site improvements (sewer and sidewalks) for the new Martin Street multi-family housing development project of 24 units (waiting funding approval). Additional CDBG funding for drainage and sidewalks on Martin Street from Main to Bevins (Forbes Creek Neighborhood, an income-qualifying census tract).

- Courthouse
  - Testimony to Judicial Council provided by City representatives on September 7 in San Francisco. Kevin felt that their concerns were heard about keeping the courts within City limits. Council says they don't have any money and is looking for donated land.
- Solar Project
  - The City Council on September 19 will hear a proposal for energy projects at the waste water treatment plant and major City facilities, including charging stations for electric vehicles. PG&E is changing out street lights to LED "moon-neutral" during September and October.

### **3. LAKEPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2022**

Discussion Regarding Implementation – Role of LEDAC. Wilda distributed an outline of outcomes and highlighted certain areas. Melissa spoke about collaboration between chambers and with the County about capturing out-of-county visitor data. Wilda asked all members to consider which areas they will participate in and report at the November meeting.

### **4. INFORMATION PRESENTATION: Dark Sky Community**

Bill Haddon, President, Friends of Taylor Observatory, described the project to seek International Dark Sky Community Designation for Lake County. LCOE provides STEM education via the Observatory. Astrotourism - a small but growing industry centered on stargazing in the world's darkest locations. Requested that LEDAC recommend the Lakeport City Council adopt certification. Melissa moved, and Pam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **5. CITIZEN INPUT: None**

### **6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Doug Hutchison: We're getting through. Have folks on assignment at fires up North. Got through the Fair, the heat was a factor. The Board has directed me to look at our long term financial future and address a structural deficit. About 27% of our district does not pay property tax into our district.
- b. Dan Peterson: Sutter Lakeside Hospital - "Refreshing" in our ICU rooms. Signed a lease at Creekside Medical Plaza to open a clinic, replacing the one on the east end of our property (which doesn't meet ADA requirements). We've recruited several new providers who will arrive over the next few months. Telepsychiatry going live soon; primarily for patients who arrive in our ER to help stabilize them.
- c. Wilda: Workforce Lake is now CareerPoint Lake. The youth program is now contracted with Redwood Community Services located at The Harbor on Main Street in Lower Lake.

### **7. NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2018, 7:30 AM, CITY HALL**

- Terre Logsdon, Secretary; Wilda Shock, Chair

*LEDAC is an advocate for a strong and positive Lakeport business community and a conduit between the City and the community for communicating the goals, activities and progress of Lakeport's economic and business programs.*