

Lakeport Economic Development Advisory Committee (LEDAC) Meeting
City of Lakeport, 225 Park Street, Lakeport, CA
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

LEDAC Members Present: Denise Combs, Bill Eaton, Pam Harpster, Christine Hutt, Terre Logsdon, Wilda Shock, Panette Talia.

City Staff: Kevin Ingram

Guests: Gillian Parrillo

CALL TO ORDER; INTRODUCTIONS

Wilda Shock called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM in the Council chamber.

PROJECT UPDATES:

LAKEFRONT REVITALIZATION PLAN

Ingram reported that an updated draft was received from the consultant last week; Dan Chance has reviewed. Hope to have full draft up and public-ready by end of month then go before the Planning Commission after taking public comments. They are still working on "Implementation Phase" of the plan before the final report will be complete.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Currently on hold; a foundation excavation is underway to determine where elevator will go because the water table there is high. Ingram stated that they know an elevator pit will need to go below current foundation and will need to be waterproof. Hutt asked if this would add more expense. Ingram stated the project is paid for with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and he doesn't anticipate it will be an extreme cost increase.

FLOOD CONDITIONS, IMPACTS

Clear Lake is receding; dry weather pattern in the near future is good news. Hope is to switch completely to "recovery mode" as flood recedes. Worried about damage to Library Park, particularly seawall and docks. On Lakeshore Drive, CalTrans may need to contribute additional funds. They are critically monitoring the sewer flow, which is the area of most concern for recovery. In approximately 18 more days, the top of the effluent reservoir will be reached as the City doesn't pump effluent to the Geysers, but minimally treats effluent to irrigate property off of Hwy 175/Linda Lane. However, as soils are saturated, no irrigation can occur. If reservoir overflows, it flows to Clear Lake - which will incur fines from State Water Control Board. They are working with Special Districts on Lands End area because of intrusion of lake water into sewer system (that is why Willow Point has been shut-off - too much water intruding). Evacuation orders for Lucky Four and Aqua Village Trailer Parks have been lifted as their utilities were in better shape than Willow Point. It is estimated it will be another two weeks before Willow Point property owner can get in to identify issues, then it will be a couple of months before residents can get back in. The City is identifying funds with assistance of Sen. McGuire for rents/more suitable housing. The Esplande area - which floods around 8.5' Rumsey - has a very active Neighborhood Association that works well with our agencies. This event was a 10-year flood event. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is on standby; the phone line is answered but not monitored 24 hours a day.

MEASURE Z

Measure Z - begins April 1, 2017. Includes an oversight committee requirement for the entire life of the measure (no sunset date). Pam Harpster suggested that the committee make presentations to LEDAC, which was well received by all. The City is currently recruiting residents of the City of Lakeport to be appointed to serve on the advisory committee. Applications will be accepted until March 16, 2017 and quarterly meetings will begin in May of 2017. The City has focused on collector and arterial streets, but will come up with a plan to prioritize other streets with passage of Measure Z.

HOTEL DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

On March 7, the consulting firm of HVS was selected. It is well known in the hospitality industry and has a good track record at getting hotels into study areas. They should get started quickly, Ingram reported. This study is for the entire city, not just lakefront properties.

OTHER CITY PROJECTS

- Going out to bid soon for Giselman Street. Water line needs to be replaced first, then repaving, ideally before school starts.
- At end of lifespan for some of S. Main Street areas for rehabilitation.
- The city has a couple of CalTrans grants from last year that we're still working on, and all is on track. Hartley Street will be a long-term plan.
- George Feola asked about a new Courthouse. Ingram responded that options for relocation include:
 - Courthouse is built on property already acquired for it,
 - Moves to Bevins Court in Lakeport (Lake County Board of Supervisors wrote a letter to Judicial Council in support of this site), and
 - Move adjacent to County jail, which all feel is the least attractive option. City staff will attend a meeting on March 17, 2017 in San Francisco with a sub committee of the Judicial Council about these ideas for relocation.

LAKEPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN

Reviewed draft documents. Due to flood and mitigating circumstances, the plan is about a month behind where Ingram hoped to be at this point. The last plan also relied heavily on Redevelopment, which no longer exists. Current documents are available on the City's website under the "LEDAC" tab. May need to schedule a LEDAC meeting in April to complete.

CITIZEN INPUT

Gillian Parrillo: Today is International Women's Day and also #DayWithoutWomen. She suggested shopping at one of the many women-owned businesses in Lakeport.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Panette Talia: Lakeport Main Street Association Pub Crawl on St. Patrick's Day. The event starts at 5:30 at Twisted Sisters, \$20, with a drink at each of the six participating businesses.

Wilda Shock: RMDZ bookmarks about the Recycling Market Development Zone program that offers loans for using materials that otherwise would be landfilled were distributed. Loan program discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Meeting Notes by: Terre Logsdon, Secretary and Wilda Shock, Chair