

**CITY OF LODI
INFORMAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING
"SHIRTSLEEVE" SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008**

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, April 1, 2008, commencing at 7:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, and Mayor Mounce

Absent: Council Members – Katzakian

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

B. TOPIC(S)

B-1 "Update of 2005 Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan"

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan.

City Engineer Wally Sandelin provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the ADA Transition Plan. Specific topics of discussion included completed projects, Elm Street van accessible stalls, Carnegie Forum, Library west entrance, City parking lots, Lodi Station, City parks, future park projects, Grape Bowl Phase 1, Lodi Stadium 12 Cinema, ADA Plan project description, accessible parking requirements, downtown parking district, accessible parking available, and the overall proposed project.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated currently the Carnegie Forum improvement is not acceptable because the slope exceeds 2% and does not therefore meet the ADA requirements.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin and Building Official Dennis Canright stated the ADA requires that the main entrance ramp to the front of the Library also be handicap accessible in addition to the ramp along the west leading to the Community Room.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated there is no separate requirement for 12 additional handicap spaces for the Lodi theater alone because the parking requirements are incorporated in the downtown parking district.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated the darker lines in the drawing for the theater improvements represent the pedestrian modifications needed along the walkway to install the ramp.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Sandelin stated the pavement delineators on the sidewalk are required by law.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Sandelin confirmed that the proposal would eliminate one parking stall and van accessible space for the equivalent of five spaces.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Prima stated the design requirements were previously applied broadly, actual design standards have been in flux for years, and downtown parking structure was not available when the theater first opened, resulting in a desire to get the Elm Street parking completed as quickly as possible.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Sandelin stated grinding the sidewalk down approximately an inch on Elm Street would not assist with the tripping hazard on the street and the proposed improvements appear to be the best option.

Discussion ensued between Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, and Mr. Sandelin regarding timed parking options for 30, 60, and 90 minutes to serve both the businesses and the theater.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Sandelin stated there is now additional parking to serve the theater and businesses in light of the parking structure and staff will work with the businesses as to the parking timing.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. Sandelin stated the current handicap spaces are usually occupied and placard usage will continue to remain the same regardless of how the space is designated.

Mayor Mounce suggested some designated parking should remain because it is inconvenient for handicapped persons to utilize the parking in the structure.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Sandelin stated the parking space in front of Moo Moos was designated as van accessible but was not conforming because of the curb.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Sandelin stated staff could come up with a design that modifies two ramps and takes two stalls to convert to a van accessible space, which totals six stalls and three handicap accessible ramps.

Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen suggested keeping four spaces as handicap, one space as van accessible, and modification of the ramp may work well.

City Manager King stated staff will bring back the targeted locations and budget options in light of the Council's general feedback, which appears to be to pursue an alternative that is middle of the road.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Prima stated the Police Partners generally do parking enforcement in downtown. Council Member Johnson stated he received a citizen complaint based on inefficient enforcement near Hotel Lodi.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Public Works Director Richard Prima stated there is no enforcement on Sundays.

C. COMMENTS BY THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

D. ADJOURNMENT

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk