

SUBJECT: Lincoln Village Town Hall Meeting

PLACE: Mable Barron School
6835 Cumberland Place

DATE/TIME: September 18, 2006
6:30 p.m.

OPENING COMMENTS:

- Councilmember Leslie Martin began the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance and gave an overview of what items will be covered:

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Police Department Update (Lieutenant Tom Jernigan)

- Crime Statistics:
 - Violent crimes are virtually non-existent.
 - Property crimes - Auto and Residential Burglaries:
 - A reminder to residents that of 6,000 total auto burglaries in the City of Stockton last year, 10% had keys left in the ignition.
 - Automobiles left outside are at a higher risk than those kept inside a garage.
 - Largest concentration of auto burglaries is at the Marina Shopping Center possibly due to items such as computers and purses being left in plain view.
 - There is no apparent concentration of burglaries in LVW – but burglaries still remain an issue. Arrests are being made, but jail capacity is an issue in that non-violent offenders are the first to be released.
 - Volunteers in Police Services (VIP's) are utilized as much as possible to look for and report suspicious activity. For information on VIP's, citizens can contact Becky Plath at 937-8477.
 - Patrol units will be advised of the recent juvenile activity between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the greenbelt southwest of Mabel Barron School and "sideshows" on Fourteen Mile Drive.
- Crime Prevention Campaign – ways to help improve the crime rate:
 - Be aware of your surroundings especially when using ATM's.
 - Do not leave valuable items in plain view in your vehicle.
 - Shred documents containing personal information.
 - Report crimes and suspicious/illegal activity.
 - Change your behavior or routine.
- Loud Music – Village West Yacht Club/Garlic Brothers
 - PD will provide an update at the next meeting.

Public Works Update (Gordon MacKay)

- Traffic Calming:
 - Speed humps are a recent tool being utilized to help calm traffic. Citizens can contact Susan Gregory in the Public Works Department at 937-8613 for additional information.
- Street Improvement Projects:
 - The City is on the final phase of implementing the contract for the completion of the Benjamin Holt Drive overlay project. A completion date has not been set.
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- Strong Neighborhoods Initiative – Street Improvements:
 - Under the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, some areas in north Stockton have been identified as a redevelopment area where over 2 million dollars of tax increments can be utilized. As part of this project, the city has tentatively proposed to cape seal Cumberland from Benjamin Holt Drive to Swain Road, a portion of Monitor Circle, and Hatchers Circle. This project is subject to funding availability.
 - The city recently completed resurfacing Five Mile Drive. During the project, the painted crosswalk located at Five Mile and Five Forks Drive was covered but will be repainted. The crosswalk sign remains in place.

Neighborhood Services/Code Enforcement Update (Peter Lemos)

- Shell Gas Station Property:
 - No progress has been made on the part of the current owner to make improvements on the property. Code Enforcement is taking the necessary administrative action to mandate improvements to the property beginning with a Notice of Violation a process used for nuisance properties. In addition, a Notice of Recordation and Notice to Remove Signage will be issued. If the required improvements are not made civil penalties will be initiated and a warrant obtained for the city to abate the property of signs, debris, etc.
 - City staff will contact Caltrans to request assistance with garbage, junk and debris at the I-5 off ramp.
 - Complaints of blighted properties can be made by contacting Neighborhood Services at 937-8815.

Parks and Recreation Update (Chris Moreno)

- Grupe Park:
 - The Tot-lot project should be completed in approximately 6 weeks. The project includes equipment for all ages.
 - Citizens with concerns about City Parks can contact Chris Moreno by calling 937-8372.
 - Parking lot improvements are scheduled to begin in the winter of 2006.
- Dog Park:

- Review of the construction plans are approximately 60% completed. The project is scheduled to conclude sometime in the spring of 2008.
- City Tree Update:
 - City trees marked with a large pink dot have been scheduled for trimming (not removal).
 - Trees in city parks are on a replacement schedule based on such things as age and disease. When replacing trees park use is always a consideration. Parks and Recreation would prefer to see sporting events such as soccer held at Regional Parks, which are specifically designed for that type of play.

Community Development Update (Richard Larrouy)

- In Shape Health Club:
 - Notifications were sent to Lincoln Village residents providing them with an update on the project.
 - The developer has proposed to construct a three story, 59-unit condominium project and a banquet facility that could be rented by the public. Community Development requires an Environmental Impact Report, which includes a traffic analysis, land use impacts, utility and public safety impacts and more and will be available for public review.
 - A hearing scheduled for September 28, 2006 has since been canceled until necessary documentation is received by the Community Development Department from the developer of the project. A new hearing has been tentatively rescheduled for October 26, 2006. Since this time, staff has learned that the meeting has been scheduled for January 11, 2007.
 - Citizens, for or against the project, may participate at the hearing. Letters received 2 weeks prior to the hearing will be included in the staff report and sent to the Planning Commissioners. After a decision by the Planning Commission, the project could be reviewed by the Mayor and City Council.

COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

A request was made for city staff to assist residents on Fort Donaldson in dealing with the United States Postal Service to obtain a multiplex mailbox system for added security.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Residents will be notified of the next meeting.