

## **LINCOLN VILLAGE WEST TOWN HALL MEETING MARCH 6, 2006**

**PLACE:** Mable Barron Elementary  
6835 Cumberland Place

**DATE/TIME:** March 6, 2006  
7:00 p.m.

### **OPENING COMMENTS:**

- Councilmember Leslie Martin introduced herself and welcomed everyone
- Councilmember Martin gave introductions
  - Police Department – Tom Jernigan
  - Parks & Recreation - Victor Machado
  - Community Development - Richard Larrouy
  - Public Works - Gary Tsutsumi
  - Reclamation District 1608 - John Stovall and Mike Panzer

### **OPEN DISCUSSION:**

#### **Police Department – Tom Jernigan**

- Lt. Tom Jernigan stated that there are 7 Police Districts in the City of Stockton
  - Lincoln Village West residents are in the Lakeview District
- Update on the crimes in area
  - Mail theft
    - January 3, 2006 – no additional incidents reported
  - Auto theft
    - 5000 reported incidents in the City of Stockton in 2005
  - Auto burglary
    - 64 reported incidents in Lincoln Village West since November 2006
    - Most occurrences are in the Marina Shopping Center, high density residential areas and Benjamin Holt
    - Most are crimes of opportunity
      - Don't leave your car running in the driveway
      - Keep items out of plain view
      - Install alarms and use clubs to deter theft
  - Residential burglary
    - 36 in the past 4 months, mostly on Benjamin Holt & high density residential areas
    - There are very little problems west and south of Benjamin Holt
- Issues addressed by Police Department regarding resident issues:
  - Downtown events are staffed by officers working overtime. The officers assigned to the north Stockton facility is not impacted by downtown.

- Police Department has been receiving numerous calls from residents regarding homeless individuals rummaging through recycling bins on collection day. Officers patrolling the area will address this issue as a low priority call.
- The City of Stockton has a volunteer program (VIPS) similar to the STARS program. Stockton. One of the service provided by the VIPS are residential checks for people on vacation. You can utilize this service by contacting the VIPS coordinator at 937-8097.
  - Leslie Martin: Leslie suggested that VIPS come to a meeting to talk about the services they provide as far as volunteer services and extended the invitation to the attendees to sign up as volunteers.
- As Stockton is growing and expanding more eastward, City Council is addressing public safety needs through hiring additional public safety staff with under Measure W. The Stockton's General Plan being updated to address growth and services.

**Dog Park Update – Victor Machado, Parks & Recreation**

- Victor Machado provided an update on the status of a dog park at Grupe Park.
  - The proposed site for the dog park is located on Feather River Drive adjacent to the P.G. & E. substation. The park is estimated to be about three acres. There will be separate areas for large dogs and small dogs. There are plans for picnic tables, trees, drinking fountain, a dog drinking fountain, lawn, and parking lot and a small restroom.
  - Parks and Recreation will be working with Public Works to address traffic and access issues. A study will be conducted to address safety concerns
  - Anticipate design services and construction documents will be submitted for Council's approval by May 2006. Construction should start around March 2007 to be completed by October/November 2007.

**Community Development Issues - Richard Larrouy**

- Richard Larrouy, Senior Planner, provide an update on the Shell Station located at Ben Holt & I-5. The property owner received funding and approval for the installation of federal approved gas tanks.
- Owner of In Shape City Health Club submitted a proposal to Community Development to replace the Marina Yacht and Tennis Club with residential condos. Staff is review the application. Application is not ready for public comment.
  - Public hearing has not been scheduled.

- The condos will be similar to the ones located on the north side of the driveway going up towards Garlic Brothers.
  - Applications for use permits have been submitted.
  - The city is currently reviewing these applications. Community Development is looking at impacts such as traffic, noise, light, glare, and shadows on adjoining residential structures.
    - There will be a public hearing before the Planning Commission.
      - Residents can ask questions, speak to the Planning commission and send in letters once the public hearing is scheduled, probably within the next few weeks.
    - A zoning change was not requested by the applicant.
      - There are provisions in the Code that would allow the development under certain circumstances.
      - Community Development is scrutinizing the application to ensure that it complies with the requirements.
    - The applicant is required to submit an environmental review, not a full blown EIR.
      - EIR's are done on much larger projects that have a potentially greater impact than this.

**Traffic Committee Information – Gary Tsutsumi, Public Works**

- Gary Tsutsumi reported that the pavement markings at I-5 and Ben Holt will be painted and box dots placed to identify the traffic pattern will be done when the weather permits.
- Gary Tsutsumi reported the traffic signal problems at Grigsby and Ben Holt was identified and fixed.
- The city has received a grant for radar enforceable signs around schools. Mable Baron and Claudia Landeen are two of the sites.
  - They sign is turned on 1 hour before school starts and is turned off 1 hour after schools.
  - The signs display the drivers speed as they approach the school.
  - Funded through the Office of Public Safety.
  - The funding allowed each school district in Stockton to receive signage at two locations. (2 in Lincoln, 2 in Stockton, 2 in Lodi, 2 in Manteca).
  - Signs were \$16k each (cost plus installation)
  - The City paid for ½ of the installation & the school PTA groups paid for the other ½
  - During the week that the signs were tested, the vehicular speeds dropped down by 7 mph during school hours

**Levee Update – John Stovall and Mike Panzer, Reclamation District 1608**

- John Stovall, Reclamation District Attorney explained that the Reclamation District – an independent special district that's not part of the city, state, nor county
  - District 1608 - goes from here to Gwenneth Road, cuts through Swensen Park up to Five Mile slough. - 99% of Lincoln Village West is in this district
  - Purpose of the district
    - Maintains levees to prevent flooding and keeps flood patrol
    - District 1608 has one 6 horsepower pump at Grupe Park to pump out water
  - Governed by a Board of Trustees
    - Trustees are Jim Block, Dr. Panzer and Drew Meyers
    - Elected by the landowners, not registered voters
    - Votes are by assessment
  - The Board of Trustees meets on the 1st Friday of each month (excluding holidays – then 2nd) at 8 a.m. @ 509 W. Weber, 5<sup>th</sup> floor.
  - Money for the district is not from the federal government since our levees were not built by the federal government. The districts sources of income are from property tax, direct assessment and interest.
- Mike Panzer , Reclamation District 1608, Board member provided information on the focus of the Reclamation District Board.
  - First, the integrity of the levees around Lincoln Village West
    - The levees around LVW are well protected and maintained. The levees are monitored continuous for repair and maintenance
  - Secondly - Be vigilant about the levees that are the 1<sup>st</sup> line of defense from flooding,.
    - Reclamation District 1608 wrote a letter to the City of Stockton requesting assistance in funding the repairs. The city loaned the district \$400,000 to assist with repairs.
    - Currently, it will cost about \$1 million to restore the levee, not to a higher standard, but to where it was.
  - Thirdly, dredging of Fourteen Mile slough is important because the area from Grupe Park to the Marina cannot be accessed by boat to make repairs during and emergency. The Board will continue to find ways to dredge this area.
    - Dredging can only be done by permit to the Corp of Engineers.
    - May not be permitted because there are protective species that may be impacted. The opposition may come from the Clean Water Act and the Department of Fish and Game
  - Mike Panzer explained that the assessment from SJAFCA was to fund improvements to prevent flooding from the East. Our concern is potential flooding from the West.
  - Please contact the Reclamation District 1608 for levee concerns.

**Other issues**

- Abandoned shopping carts can be reported 937-8813. Some stores have a contract with Metro-cart for shopping cart pick-up. When an abandoned cart is reported, Metro-cart is contacted to remove the carts. Store not on the Metro-Cart service are contacted to remove the carts within three days. After the three days, Public Works will remove the cart and the owner will be cited. .

**Follow –up**

- What are the city of Stockton's plans for the sewer ponds and pump facility located at the Wright Elmwood Tract?

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.