

**Minutes of the Joint Special Meeting of the
LEMOORE CITY COUNCIL/LEMOORE PLANNING COMMISSION
June 27, 2006**

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Buford; Mayor Pro Tem Murray; Councilmembers Grego, Martin, Plourde; City Manager Briltz; Public Works Director Wlaschin; Parks and Recreation Director Hernandez; Police Chief Morrell; Redevelopment Project Manager Narbaitz; Chief Planner Smyth; Deputy City Clerk Brewer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

FINAL MAP – SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT – TRACT 821 – DAVANTE LIBERTY L.P. SILVER OAK LAND CO, INC:

Mayor Buford asked for a motion. Councilmember Plourde recommends Council accept the Final Subdivision Map – Tract 821 – Phase II- submit for the recordation, to approve the Subdivision Agreement and Easement Agreements for both “Noise and Odor” and for the “Right to Farm”, and for recordation of the Grant Deed. A motion was made by Councilmember Plourde, and seconded by Councilmember Martin, with a role call vote.

Ayes: Plourde, Martin, Murray, Grego, Buford

CITY COUNCIL/PLANNING COMMISSION:

At 7:10 p.m., Council adjourned to a Joint Lemoore City Council/Planning Commission Meeting.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE:

Chief Planner Smyth stated they are glad they had finally made this date, were hopping to do General Plan Update five years ago. Council has just awarded the contract in May, 2006 after a committee of Councilmember Murray and Councilmember Martin and Commissioner Elgin took a look at it. Chief Planner Smyth introduced Michael Dyett of the consulting firm Dyett & Bhatia. Michael Dyett introduced associates Michelle Rodrigues and Erin Camareno. Michael Dyett told the Council and Commission that he was here to listen to their comments, ideas and questions that the public want and need in the community. The quality of life, values, and to look down the road 20 to 30 years. To recognize what you have in the valley, the central location, agriculture, wetlands, water, and how they can make everything work. Work on the trends in the community.

They talked to 36 people on June 27, 2006 about more restaurants, retail, downtown, and some the other economic development and corporative relationship with NAS Lemoore. They have real challenge with what is happening at the west side of Hwy 41. Maybe the General Plan could step back and provide some more pacific guidance as what you as a Council/Commission want in the development. Give the community a voice in shaping its future.

The General Plan is your constitution.

- ◆ **Growth Prospects**
- ◆ **Visioning**
- ◆ **West Hills College**
- ◆ **Interchange**
- ◆ **Great Parks and Streets**
- ◆ **Downtown**

Overview of Work Phases and Schedule:

- ◆ **12 Months to Completion**
- ◆ **Information Sharing**
- ◆ **Feed back**
- ◆ **Advisory Committee**
- ◆ **Newsletter and Website**

Michael Dyett asked each Councilmember/Commissioner the Best Single Word Describing Lemoore:

- ◆ **Safe, friendly community**
- ◆ **Nice place to live, knowing people**
- ◆ **Eclectic**
- ◆ **Clean, central location**
- ◆ **Progressive, quality of life**
- ◆ **Strong sense of community**
- ◆ **Military based and agriculture based**

Michael Dyett asked each Councilmember/Commissioner What Was Their Vision for Lemoore in 2030:

- ◆ **In the next 20 years the things we like about Lemoore will still exist**
- ◆ **Guiding us to preserve, protect and promote the values that you cherish**
- ◆ **Traditional values, keep spirit of Lemoore**
- ◆ **Pedestrian oriented, trees, and wider sidewalks**
- ◆ **Retail shopping**
- ◆ **Recreational facilities, parks, kids activities**
- ◆ **Tourism to Lemoore**
- ◆ **Downtown Revitalization**

Michael Dyett asked each Councilmember/Commissioner about Neighborhoods:

- ◆ **Staff doing good job under current plan, but need more variety, less cookie cutter**
- ◆ **More designs with garages placed at back of homes, porches on homes, bring people out side**
- ◆ **Different housing planes, changes the roof line, mix housing types**
- ◆ **Multi-family – nice Alderwood, not College Park Apts.**
- ◆ **No cinder block walls surrounding homes**

Michael Dyett asked each Councilmember/Commissioner about Store Types:

- ◆ Variety of restaurants – family
- ◆ Grocery Stores
- ◆ Shoes and Clothes
- ◆ Population not great enough to add stores
- ◆ Car Dealerships
- ◆ Health Care
- ◆ Convalescent and Senior Facilities

Michael Dyett asked each Councilmember/Commissioners what Challenges Are Facing Lemoore:

- ◆ Growth – Small town atmosphere
- ◆ Affordable Housing
- ◆ Businesses getting loans based on population
- ◆ Downtown District – destination for visitors
- ◆ Transportation and Clean Air
- ◆ Quality of Life
- ◆ Recreation for young people
- ◆ Safe Community
- ◆ Traffic problems

Michael Dyett announced to the Council/Planning Commission that a Newsletter will soon be out in August, then be reporting back in the fall. Michael thanked the Council/Planning Commission for a great Kickoff Meeting. Mr. Dyett answered Councilmember Murray’s question about the process for the coming months. There will be a report out that in takes all the interviews they have and what they heard at this meeting. A report on the September session, doing a lot of mapping, listening to the community, then they start drawing. Have two or threes plans and then focus in on the preferred plan. Mr. Dyett referred to the schedule for the City of Lemoore General Plan.

Planning Commissioner Norggard asked what was the biggest challenge. The larger stakeholders or smaller stakeholders? (1) have confidence in process and feel that you are moving forward, (2) traffic, (3) resolve what one neighborhood doesn’t want, (4) respond fair and in an honest way. Mayor Buford stated that what he wanted to see was this process to be effective and to get an end product that captures what ever it needs to capture, so that were successful in guiding future Councilmember’s/Planning Commissioners in helping to guide Lemoore to end up to that place in the future we want to get to.

Mayor Buford asked if there were any comments or questions before they adjourned. There were no questions.

Adjourn: 8:10 p.m.