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Staff Report

Study Session
ITEM NO.

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To: Lemoore City Council
From: Judy Holwell, Redevelopment Project Manager
Date: Sept 12, 2007
Subject: Naval Air Museum Lemoore - Discussion

Discussion:

Attached is a memo from the Naval Air Museum Lemoore Task Force regarding a renewed effort by several members of the community to open a Naval Air Museum in the City of Lemoore. The subject came up during last year's Chamber of Commerce Goal Setting Retreat when many of the participants voiced their opinions regarding NAS Lemoore as being one of the community's largest assets and that the community should explore options to capitalize on the tourism that the Navy brings to the community.

Community members have pondered this idea for many years, but it has been unable to get off the ground, in part because there was not a location to house a museum and building a new facility would be too costly. A new school of thought is to convert the west half of the Cinnamon Municipal Complex building into the museum. The existing building is large enough to eventually house jets, banquet facilities, NJROTC tournaments and other educational activities. Currently, members of the Task Force have been exploring the viability of such an endeavor. They have toured other military museums and have talked to individuals who manage those facilities.

Members of the Task Force will attend Tuesday evening's Study Session to present the Naval Air Museum Lemoore project. They will then ask for a short term commitment by Council to not inter into any long term lease arrangements on the west half of the CMC building with any other business while they are doing the remainder of their feasibility due diligence. During this time, the City would be able to continue its current lease arrangements on a month to month basis and continue to make it available to any other business under the same terms. Once the Task Force members complete their feasibility study, they will return to Council with their findings, at which time either pursue other options or request a long term lease agreement for the use of the building.

Budget Impact:

None at this time.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff not to establish any CMC leases to businesses for periods longer than one year.