

Neighborhood Improvement Team Meeting

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California Theatre

351 Railroad Ave, Pittsburg, CA 94565

Staff Present: Celina Palmer, Haidi Muro, Jordan Davis, Laura Wright, Joe Sbranti, Garret Evans, Alice Evenson, Fritz McKinley, Maria Aliotti, Anthony Baldazo, Toni Baldazo, Brian Addington, Brian Matthews, Janis Glover, Dick Abono, Ron Nevels, Paul Reinders, Sara Aliotti, Ralf Cones, Lisa Vela

Officials:

City Council: Jelani Killings, Pete Longmire, Merl Craft

Planning Commission: Wolfgang Croskey,

Audience Members: Approximately 25

Joe Sbranti, City Manager: The City has held Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) Meetings for the last 14 years; the first one being here at the California Theatre. However, this is the first NIT meeting that we are holding in this format. The Mayor, Pete Longmire, has asked City Staff to provide the information that we usually provide at the State of the City. Normally there is a cost to attend the State of the City, so today we will be providing that information to city residents at no cost. So today's presentation will be a sneak preview of the State of the City, followed by a town hall style meeting where staff will answer residents' questions.

Pete Longmire, Mayor: Thank you [residents] for coming out and thank you City staff for allowing the change from their traditional style for NIT meetings. Every year, the Chamber of Commerce sponsors and hosts the State of the City, the information provided there is the information you'll see this morning, to frame this NIT meeting. If you have a comment or question, please fill out a comment/question card and we will get to those. If we do not get through all of the cards, City staff will remain around after to address additional questions if need be.

*Longmire then introduced City dignitaries in attendance: City Council: Meryl Craft and Jelani Killings. Chamber of Commerce President and Planning Commission Member: Wolfgang Croskey. Community Advisory Commission: Arthur Fountain, Faye Fields, and Dennisha Marsh. City Clerk: Alice Evenson.

SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION – (separate attachment)

Longmire: Today you will hear from the City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Chief of Police, and staff. We are all Team Pittsburg: City Council, Staff, business owners, property owners, service clubs, government entities, and community members. You are the ones that give us [City staff] directions for how you want your City to be. We have received feedback over the years which has helped us shape how Pittsburg is today. We have made some strides; however, we still have a lot ahead of us. This is no time to

say we're done, there is no finish line, we will continue to make improvements. All of these people have a voice and we need to learn to listen to one another and agree that we can make things happen and move forward and not get caught up in bureaucracy.

Garrett Evans, Assistant City Manager: I have been here since 1997. Just to give a broad overview of what kind of organization we have and our size- basically we're talking about a \$200 million enterprise. The General Fund is approximately \$43 million of that, right now we are projecting about a \$700 thousand in excess of revenue where we use some of our reserves. However, the council has established criteria where we must have at least 30% in reserves, and we do have that.

As far as, housing indicators, median sales price continues to go up. In 1997, in Oak Hills staff wondered if prices would ever cross \$200 thousand, and now prices are over \$600-\$800 thousand. Average price has gone up 11% since last year. Price per square foot has increased from \$104 to \$178. Foreclosures continue to fall and the latest data we have shows 3% of sales are short sales.

We've seen a 30% increase since 2008 in business licenses. It is leveling off but a very strong number.

Unemployment rate 3.4, from county data. That is the lowest since 1990, and there are no records before that. So, Pittsburg has its lowest unemployment rate in 28 years. We have a very robust economy, but we also have challenges as the housing market is costing so much.

We have a website called thinkpittsburg.com, if you want find out anything about demographics or other communities and buying power that's available there to look at. We have an active community, to summarize we have a lot going on: bocce tournaments, Music in the Park, Old Town Car Shows, Jazz and Blues at the Marina, the Jazz, Blues, & Funk Festival, Farmers Market, Diamonds games, First Fridays, Relay for Life, Tommy T's comedy shows, and of course 4th of July Fireworks.

Brian Addington, Chief of Police: Good morning, thank you for coming out. It is an honor to be here. I've worked in the Police Department for 25 years, and Pittsburg is a great community and department to work for. I'd like to introduce a couple of my staff: Lt Mathews runs our weekend patrol division, and Toni Baldazo runs our community outreach.

I'd like to share about the Police and statistics we have and projects we are working on. The slide shows calls for service in 2017, we've had an 80% increase in calls. These calls include citizens calling in things they see, suspicious activity and the like, and also includes police generated activities such as pulling someone over for speeding. We've had just over 3,300 arrests. Our juvenile arrests were slightly up, at 179. We are a very busy community.

The next slide shows overall part one crimes. This can be confusing because part one across nation consist of 8 crimes: murder and nonnegligent homicide, rape (legacy & revised), robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft, and arson. In Pittsburg in 2017 we had 30.6 part one crimes per one thousand residents. Compared to the surrounding cities in 2017: Brentwood has the lowest crime, then Pittsburg, then Walnut Creek, Concord, Antioch, and Pleasant Hill.

Next slide technology and traffic enforcement: we have a very robust camera system, over 150 owned and operated by the City and run by the Police Department, in addition to cameras that belong to schools and community members. We've also put cameras on freeways, in response to the shootings on Highway 4, and we have not any more shootings since the cameras have been up. The cameras are not going to be just here, it will be a regional project with City Engineer, Fritz McKinley, overseeing. There will be cameras in Antioch near Hillcrest within the next 30 days. We are also going to get license readers and shot spotters to listen for gunshots. We know it will help stop violent crime.

Our cameras and tracking don't stop at the borders. Last Sunday there was a shooting here. Within minutes we were able to identify the car the shooter was in, track the car and watch it, they drove to San Pablo and were arrested there. So that's an example of how a regional system will help Pittsburg.

Most complaints we receive are traffic. We're a thoroughfare and a lot of people come through. We have a Sergeant and two officers full time in traffic and, starting July 1st, we are going to add two more; so, including the Sergeant- there will be five officers whose sole responsibility is traffic enforcement. They will set up around schools, major thoroughfares, and all locations identified by the community to address. Usually speeding and illegal turns are the kinds of things we are called to address, so we would like to focus on that.

We have partnered with Antioch, Brentwood, Oakley, and California Highway Patrol and twice a month we get together and focus our enforcement in one area. All will work where we've had complaints and problems. The last one we issued approximately 80 citations in just a few hours.

Toni Baldazo, our Community Outreach Coordinator is a full-time job. We want you to know what we're doing, and we want to hear from you.

Our crime free housing program is a program where we partner up with the apartment complexes we have in town and work with them to see what they can change, as far as environmental design. We also help with a tenant screening. The program has been around for approximately 20 years and we have been doing it for 2.5 years. This is one of the many ways we are working to get the crime rate down.

Code Enforcement receives 2,500 complaints per year. Not all of these complaints result in citations, we give courtesy notices and 10 days to correct any violations, and then we issue a citation. We work with people to get them in compliance and overall get the community looking good.

Homelessness is a problem here, regionally, and statewide. Law enforcement alone will not solve the problem. There are many issues that contribute, including mental health and drug abuse. We have a team of officers to work with resource to get the homeless the resources they need to get off of the streets.

Preparing for the future we have community outreach on social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Next Door. We receive more engagement through social media, we find out about stuff more over social media than any other way. Our team for social media let you know what we're doing, what's happening in the community, listen to your [community] voices, and direct resources appropriately.

Sbranti: First, if you have questions that you haven't submitted, be sure to fill out a card.

It is a privilege to talk about construction. Let's talk about the building we're in. Back in the 1920s, the California Theatre was built for \$200 thousand. We did renovation a few years ago that cost us over \$8 million. We had the opportunity to utilize redevelopment funds to invest in the city on regular basis, taking out old and putting in new, it was a great resource; but, it went away. Now we are more dependent on private investment to make projects like that happen. Some examples of private investment that happens on a regular basis include: building permits, solar permits (the number of permits pulled goes up every year), single family homes, multi-family homes, new commercial buildings- these are all private dollars at work. When you look around today in this area you'll see privately funded renovations. We need to give credit to people who are helping these types of projects get started. You see down the street Vidrio getting a new paint job and keeping their investment protected. The City doesn't have that money like we used to from redevelopment; so, seeing that private investment is something that we hope continues. We hope it keeps that momentum here in the downtown area as we see some of those buildings still need a facelift.

The City continues to invest as well, we opened Giacomelli Park about a month ago. It's been long awaited by the folks in southwest Pittsburg. They were very vocal and held us accountable any time staff went out there. I visited recently, and it is already overwhelmed with kids. People in the southwest hills want more than just a park, and they made that clear to us. Specifically, they sorely need more shopping. So adjacent to the park is a 3-acre parcel that the City is working to partner with a developer to get some form of shopping there; we are hoping for proposal in near future. That's not the only project that we're looking at in that area we're looking at. 12 acres of commercial and retail are to go in at the intersection of West Leland and Alves Ranch Road. It was previously going to be office space and have more housing, but now it is set to have retail and grocery; but, it won't happen overnight, we still have to push for it.

In the time I've been here, we have invested in infrastructure at rate of over \$10 million per year. An example of where it goes, we just had a \$11.2 million improvement to the water treatment plant that will improve efficiency, and hopefully in the coming weeks, you can taste difference in water quality with the new filters going in. In addition to that, we just completed a \$4 million multimodal station, adjacent to BART at California and Railroad, to allow people to more efficiently and quickly get to and from BART.

Coming soon: You may have noticed gas prices went up a little bit because they added a tax through a state senate bill that we all pay for. The City of Pittsburg will get \$1.1 million from that, to reinvest in road ways as quickly as possible.

James Donlon Boulevard project is one that has been on the books for 30 years now. We have funding at about 90% for project, going to City Council on Monday night, hoping to approve contract for the first phase of final design. We believe pieces of the project can be built, until the entire project can be complete somewhere around 2022; hopefully that time frame will hold true.

Lastly I'll talk about sewer and water repairs for this year. It's a \$10 million investment into that system, targeting the oldest and most vulnerable pipelines first so we don't have emergencies in middle of the night.

Longmire: Let's give everyone a hand for providing that good information. These are exciting times for us today. We have a Railroad Avenue Specific Plan, for the area around BART. That creates a zone there, where we're looking for Transit-Oriented Development to bring revenue into the City. Our latest project is the multimodal station where BART will be stopping. This is important because having the Railroad Avenue Specific Plan will generate growth. It can draw hotels business from out of town, and the multimodal station provides opportunities for citizens to access the BART station by foot, if need be, or by bus. This massive transportation system can connect our people to jobs, medical services, and family. Having the multimodal station and BART here is the first step to develop projects located near the station. We went to the BART Board of Directors to make a case for them to approve having a station in Pittsburg and we needed dollars from them. We had to explain to them how and why having BART available in Pittsburg is important to citizens. We were able to get additional funding from the BART Board of Directors, and we also got additional support from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, local representative Supervisor Federal Glover, and Contra Costa Transit Authority. The unique about this project is that property owners around the station voted to tax themselves to make it happen. It was the first time BART has seen a community come together to make it happen, so we also thank them.

It took years for BART to come, but we didn't allow ourselves to get got up in bureaucracy . The government did what it's supposed to do and got out of the way. We worked with the community get their involvement to create a project for the greater good, that would be helpful to the community for many years to come. Planners and Engineers put pen to paper to design the station; lets give a round of applause for them and their technical skills to make this happen.

A lot of people say that there is no parking for this station and ask, where is it? We know, looking forward, that the days of big garages and mass parking lots are a thing of the past. I attended a mobility conference a few months back; we don't need big parking lots, we need people to get dropped off. When we drive we clog roads, cause gridlock, and complain about traffic

We have another project; Tri Delta Transit is revising routes and will continue to revise in the future. We will have busses from Los Medanos College, to the Senior Center, to BART, and to Down Town. This will making trips more efficient.

I encourage you to come to meetings [City Council, Planning Commission, Community Advisory Commission], and if you can't make it down, watch the videos and tune in; because, some of the things you see online are not always accurate. You can see us discuss the reasons why we vote the way we do to, give funds to certain projects, give up on the golf course. We try to do what is best for the community and the greater good. We look at what we can afford, what investments are sustainable, and how to do better with what we have. We have to live within our means for the greater good.

The City has multiple divisions that we don't back fill, employees just juggle more. Everyone has so many titles, because we're doing more with less, we're working harder and smarter any way we can. We negotiate for new development in the City to help pay additional fees for parks, roads, and public safety, and we are masters of stretching dollars and getting more from developers.

As far as traffic on Buchanan Road and Highway 4- most of it is not our traffic, but are people driving through Pittsburg. James Donlon is going to be a transportation split to relieve traffic from Buchanan Road. It has been in the works for more than 20 years, and now it's getting closer, and we have a timeline for when people can see movement there.

Sbranti: James Donlon is a bypass road more to relieve traffic on Buchanan than Highway 4. We are hoping for completion in 2022. We made a deal with developers to continue to fund. Also, we are expecting BART to help alleviate that traffic. We just want to decongest our roads

Alice Evenson, City Clerk: I want to speak on not being able to attend meetings. If you cannot attend, they are webcasted live and the archive is up by noon the next day and is broadcasted on CCTV live, and then replayed on Saturdays.

Longmire: Go back and factcheck what you see on social media. If you don't get your answers there, call the City Manager or the Police Department. Our staff is here to answer questions. We're excited that May 26th, we are going to have BART running.

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Questions:

[Q: Will there be a shuttle from BART to Old Town?](#)

Richard Abono, Senior Civil Engineer: Tri Delta will have a new route in 6 months, Route 381. They have added new bus stops, one stop is at the multimodal, and one across the street. Another thing I'm excited for is CCCTA driverless shuttle testing, and they're now putting them on public streets, there will be another at Concord Naval Weapons if testing goes well. A driverless shuttle is something we'd like to see in the future.

[Q: At Palo Verde Drive and Jensen there is a barrier broken that has been broken for months. There is a pile of weeds there, 6ft wide and 5ft tall, it defaces neighborhood. I don't see a lot of repairs or things being done to make right.](#)

Fritz McKinley, City Engineer: Those will be put on our list. You can use the GoCity Request to report these things, so you don't have to wait for NIT meetings. We are challenged by the budget; but, that is no excuse. We want to do all we can. We are doing things internally to be more proactive about reaching out to get information.

[Q: Does city have plans to improve the roads for all the new housing to be built? Living off Buchanan it takes 20 minutes to get to Highway 4. It's too hard to go down Loveridge with all the new houses and apartments and kids going to schools. Is there infrastructure in place to handle new housing?](#)

McKinley: Yes, developers pay for mitigations from traffic fees for infrastructure improvements: ie. lights, traffic signal coordination on Railroad to feed into Leland and major arterials to maximize existing facility for what is there and what is coming.

Q: There is a lack of prevention and maintenance on City owned property.

McKinley: We talked briefly about how it got to this point and what we are going to do to turn it back. One of the things we talked about briefly was the combination of our Environmental Center and our Public Works Department so we're able to fix more things. Budget challenges have affected staff. We are now maximizing our resources and reaching out to service groups. We want to continue to do that and do more of that. Like we said, we need the public to be our eyes and ears to help us identify problem areas and service groups to help to keep these jewels the City has kept up so that everyone can enjoy them. Once it gets to certain point it is more expensive to bring back than to maintain it. Please work with us, we'll reach out to you and other service groups and keep engaging.

Q: I know what your challenges are, I do what you do on a smaller scale, when you defer maintenance, if let something go, it becomes much more expensive. For example, the fountains at City Hall have been shut down since 2009, City Hall was beautiful. But the pattern continued, things were ignored and then shut down. Riverview Park, same thing with their fishing gear, it was super nice, and now things are unusable, there is dry rot. Voters demonstrated a willing to pay, staff needs to be creative.

McKinley: We can have that discussion. There are things that we're thinking outside of the box. Those concerns that you have already being considered. We're looking to bring those back.

Q: If there's people that work in the community that volunteer, they can help this come to fruition. But it takes a lot of people to do that. For example, churches and things like that to come and help, perhaps pull weeds or do something like that. It can be done without paying someone. We could bring people in that do that.

Sbranti: I liked what you had to say complement those groups. There are some groups currently helping: Adopt-a-Spot program brought in kids to help clean parks. There are several groups like that around town. Also, we're doing studies now to see about whether bringing the fountains back is feasible.

Q: Will the California theater be operated in the future?

Sbranti: We take a lot of pride here, original hand art work replicas, there is no intention of shutting the theatre down. There is a plan to transfer management from the current company to our staff because of the budget. We are working with one employee to stay as house manager. We expect to have shows here for generations to come.

Q: How much did it cost to build that fence near the water and what is purpose?

Evans: It cost under \$5 thousand, and was erected because members of the community were going to the berm by the launch ramp doing donuts and other activities at night. The fence is to prevent things the neighborhood found disruptive. We are trying to curb the disruption.

Q: Thank you for your recent resources for the homeless. We need to come together as a community with more than one approach to help recovery and basic needs.

Lt. Brian Mathews: Homelessness is a complicated issue the community is facing. Many homeless suffer from substance abuse and mental health issues. Contra Costa County has 3 agencies that lead the way on mental health related to homelessness. One officer works with a clinician identify them and provide recourses that fit their needs. Officer and homeless liaison meets with members of homeless communities and provides resources and works close with the court team with the number of beds they have available. Los Medanos Community Health Care District voucher program offers a one night stay, for immediate assistance. The program is extremely successful and in the process of writing another grant for the same purpose. It is a temporary fix; but, a very beneficial one. At the back table there is a card. 211 is the number to call if you know someone in situation, they have specific resources for military veterans. I can answer specific questions after.

Maria Aliotti, Successor Agency: To piggyback, homeless is a regional issue. Resources are funded through CDBG and other resources include St. Vincent Du Paul, Loaves and Fishes, MediCare, Core... it takes a joint effort to take care of homeless, it is not an issue to be solved in one day.

Some statistics: Core goes out in January to count homeless. In January 2018, 2,234 homeless individuals were identified. 1,537 were unsheltered, and 697 were sheltered. Only so many beds are available. Last year, the number was 1,607 for the County. Pittsburg this year had 110 individuals identified and last year 83.

Q: Will there be more kiteboarding activity this summer?

Sara Aliotti, Waterfront: Yes, our 4th Annual Delta Board Meeting is June 23rd -24th. The competition should start at 10:00 a.m. but it depends on the wind.

Q: Who are the people that use kite boards and how did they come to us?

S. Aliotti: The ramps were built 5 years ago. The owner of the Kite Bar Café is a sports enthusiast. So, we brought it here w her design suggestions and engineers to build a public launch ramp. Down winders leave their stuff to kite board, shuttle out and kiteboard back.

Q: Downtown continues to struggle to attract and retain business.

Evans: Since I've been here we've tried several programs, put million into promotions, millions in to buildings: the California Theatre, EJ Phair, Mecca, Wells Fargo, Vidrio, La Veranda, Lumpy's, Sassy Sweets... millions of dollars in investments. We need the right leases to make them happen. When redevelopment went away, we had to be more creative; but, now there is a better equilibrium so businesses are getting private funding. How to be creative is a challenge and we continue to be resourceful.

We are trying to channel our resources with the car shows, having events at the theatre for the first time in a while, retail opening in Vidrio... what drives them is people walking down the street, such as when we did the culinary crawl. We are trying to get people down here, getting shows at the theater, car shows, and other events to get people walking around.

Q: What's going on on 3rd Street? There is a 24 hour security parked there.

Jordan Davis, Planning: That is a potential future Charter School: Making Waves. Across from that is a proposal for ball fields, owned by Tesorro. Because of dumping, they've hired security so that the site stays clean and there is no illegal activity.

Q: How many police officers do you have of color? What training are you doing to protect people of color and to be culturally aware?

Addington: I believe we have 6 Black officers, 12 Hispanic officers, and 4 Asian officers, and 12 female officers. We are continually coming up with creative ideas to recruit minority candidates and top-quality officers. We have increased in last 5.5 years and are continuing to work every 2 years get cultural diversity and nonbiased training. Everyone has implicit bias and we need to be aware of that and how it may impact jobs.

Q: For the park in San Marco, will there be a basketball and tennis court? There is so much space available that the outcome was kind of disappointing.

Abono: We are looking to, what you see is what we have. We have cutouts for our park and plans for what we can do to supplement it. Looking to the west to have phase 2, we are not quite sure where that's going to go but an option for a park further west so when that gains steam we'll see what amenities we can do there. Looking for best way to use that space.

Sbranti: The location he is talking about is approximately 2-3 acres and was built smaller than what was envisioned. Do you want bigger park? Or a park half that size with commercial? Residents voted overwhelmingly for commercial. So we are checking to see if that is feasible. There are 3 parks in community: Lasater, Giacomelli, and this new one- so there are a variety of choices.

We want to do a joint use agreement with Vista del Mar to cover the bases in that region. Vista del Mar's future school site is pushing to build quickly.

Evans: Following up, for that other half of the park, we are working with a local developer for a store like Sprouts or Trader Joe's and a restaurant portion like Black Bear Diner. Also, we are working for development at Alves Ranch to hold up to 2500 square feet of commercial. That is the goal for commercial in the southwest hills.

Q: What is the City doing to reduce white residue from water fountains? We need more businesses in San Marco.

McKinley: We are putting \$10.2 mill dollars for retrofit to mix well water that we buy from Contra Costa to mix those together and use granulated activated carbon filters so now water should be better tasting and remove that residue. You will see the effect on our water in the next couple months. We'll continue to monitor those.

Q: What does the City plan to do to mitigate the negative impact of construction across from the library?

Sbranti: That is a challenge for the library. They do not have parking that is their own. Their parking is shared with City Hall and adjacent property. The area maybe a potential Courtyard by Marriott with a restaurant and bar in it. Also, a small version of an office building and urgent care facility. For the library, there will be a competition for parking space. We will not allow commuter/BART parking in that area. It is strictly prohibited and

violations will be issued. We may redesign how to access library in future, sharing our side. Now that the library is across from BART, access to books should improve for some.

Q: What is planned to eliminate cars from doing noisy wheels?

Addington: First we need citizens to call as soon as they hear that. Pittsburg is 19 square miles and we need citizens to call. Police can't be everywhere. Call and give a description so we can try to catch in action or stop them when they leave the area. And we have cameras that we can use to find license plate numbers; but, for certain crimes we can't arrest unless we see the violation. We will write a report submit to the District Attorney to ask them to press charges. We hand walk to the courthouse and sit down with a deputy DA. This is a problem in our community and we need you to hold these people accountable. Right now, have 3 officers and are going to have 5 officers focused on traffic. All starts with you- engaging, being our eyes and ears, calling us, and letting us know.

Q: Give ideas on how to help homeless.

Mathews: We have a homeless liaison who is a full sworn officer. Their entire job is outreach to homeless.

Q: Will the electronic bill boards be reinstalled by BART on Railroad?

Abono: We will have a high-definition, LED, 16ft tall, beautiful sign. We will put messages for better communication, and we should see it in the middle of summer.

Q: What is wrong with the sign at Buchanan Road at the park?

Abono: The guts of that sign need to be taken out and replaced. We are working out whether or not we will.

Q: I heard a rumor that you plan to close 3rd Street?

Abono: No. There is a proposal for a charter school with about 1800 students. We may remove the berm along harbor and cleanup the site fully along with the ball fields on north side. It is very preliminary at the moment.

Q: Who do I contact for homeless, dogs of leash, people who may be a threat to the community?

Evans: If anything doesn't look right, call the police- 911, or call the dispatch office. For deferred maintenance, call or email the City Manager or use the GoCity App.

Addington: For a dog off leash, to be dealt with right then and there, call police. If you just want to report that it is there, use the GoCity Request App. But that is handled Monday – Friday. It depends on the complaint. For non-emergency you can always call (925) 646-2441.

Q: For James Donlon, how many homes are being built and how much more traffic added?

Sbranti: The bypass doesn't generate new homes. There are homes already there and homes planned that are unrelated to the bypass project. Approximately 18-1900 homes. Sky Ranch, Montreux 351 units, but unrelated to James Donlon.

Q: Could these housing developments be built without completion of James Donlon?

Sbranti: Yes. Sky Ranch was approved 10 years ago, and just hasn't been built yet because its expensive. Expect to see work on those in next 2 years. James Donlon at the same time. It is up to the developers and the market to see when to start. \$18 thousand per house is the money that goes to help with the James Donlon project.

Q: Why were food truck Fridays removed?

Evans: Basically, the businesses downtown didn't want it. They complained and demonstrated that to operators of food trucks. We may try in different part of the community. Staff didn't want to subject the food truck operators to that behavior.

Q: What challenges are there to get businesses in Old Town?

Evans: City properties have a vacancy rate of 6%. We work with property owners. For example, at Vidrio, we put in A/C and bathrooms so someone can rent the spaces out.

Q: Have you considered physical barriers to deter donuts?

Addington: We are always looking at environmental design to fix issues. In the past, 10th Street was 4 lanes with no barriers and people did donuts all the time. Now 10th Street has one lane each way with a barrier. We can go out and look at a specific area to see what we can do. At the marina we added a fence, lighting, and cameras.

Q: Are there plans to create/improve bike lanes to BART?

Abono: There is a \$4.5 million grant, which our Traffic Engineer, Paul Reinders, received. The plan next is for bike and pedestrian trail improvements on the south side of California from Harbor to Railroad. On the south side of Highway 4 another bike and pedestrian trail from Power to Railroad. And on Railroad, a path from Delta DeAnza to Highway 4.

Q: How can community members find ways to contribute to beautification of the City?

Laura – There are many programs, such as the previously mentioned Adopt-a-Spot. I encourage you to participate. It is helpful for each of us to contribute a little bit. There is Civic Pride Day where we clean up, paint, do lots of different things. Staff works with you go to locations, assess projects, and provide tools. We leave the bags and Park Patrol picks them up. Civic Pride was in April. There were 5 locations, people picked up a lot of trash, and really made the community a lot better.

Q: What are you doing about human trafficking, since victims are getting younger and younger?

Mathews: We have one person assigned to work full time, going to school, and training. We train officers for signs of human trafficking. Usually people only think prostitute when

it comes to human trafficking, but laws have changed that. We are doing what we can to identify those in the sex trade employment and hold those people responsible.

[Q: Is there a update for the golf course? A reason for the plans? And a timeline moving forward?](#)

Evans: The golf course operator gave 48 hours' notice before they closed, 2 months ago. We've been brainstorming on what to do. We presented to Council 4 possible categories: 1) Recreation, 2) Public Use, 3) Golf, 4) Economic development. The Council asked for economic development and recreation uses. Electronic Bay Cable has expressed interest to build a technology part along the powerline corridor. They've talked previously at a high level about going in near NRG and DOW; however, they did not want to go near the railroad or near potential flood issues. With the golf course closed they reached back out. It will be brought to Council in the near future. It would be a high intensity project, providing 10-20 jobs. We have to see the direction from Council. With recreational amenities (ball fields, community center, indoor fields) we'd need to find a way to finance that. Nothing will be done overnight. Any project will need to go through environmental studies and traffic impact reports. We want to get to City Council soon.

[Q: Can the City put pressure on Caltrans to fix the fence on the southwest corner of Railroad and California?](#)

McKinley: We just received a response from Caltrans and they said yes. They've come out and fixed it once before, and will be talking to maintenance on Monday.

CONCLUSION:

Longmire: I'd like to thank all of you for coming out and supporting City staff, coming to meetings, going to the website, and going online to watch meetings live! I'd like to thank everyone that works so hard. City Staff has challenging jobs. As a past city employee, I know that this team works around the clock 7 days a week. They are committed, and are all in. We need your input to design, and to make this City work.

If there are any lingering questions, staff will be around to talk to one on one.