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2nd Annual State of the City Town Hall Meeting

Clearlake, CA – August 31, 2017

The second annual State of the City Town Hall meeting was held Thursday night at the Clearlake Community Center to an enthusiastic crowd of about 150 attendees. The program began at 5pm with an open house featuring the opportunity to interact with and ask questions to the Police Department, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Finance, Building Department, City Clerk, Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, Senior Center, and more. Chatterbox Catering provided hors d'oeuvres to rave reviews.

Attendees also had the opportunity to view the student art mural project that was sponsored by the Children's Museum of Art and Science and the Art House Gallery. Votes were also cast for the photo contest submissions. Top vote getters will soon be displayed at City facilities and on the City's website.

Denise Loustalot, President of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce, started off the presentations with a recognition of the volunteers and donations that made the opening of the Visitor Center possible. In particular, the extraordinary efforts of Mike Vandiver and Doug Herren who put in enormous hours on the project.

Following Denise Loustalot, Mayor Russ Perdock took the stage and asked for reflection on the loss of several prominent community members and some of the troubles happening in the nation. Mayor Perdock also introduced members of the Planning Commission, the City Council, City Department Heads, and other VIPs in the audience.

City Manager Greg Folsom provided an extensive overview of accomplishments over the last year, including the General Plan update, Measure V passage, Universal Solid Waste ordinance, Code Enforcement stats, clean up efforts, crime reduction efforts, and more. He also discussed the City's Strategic Plan and specific steps being taken to reach the Council's vision for the future of Clearlake.

In his closing statements City Manager Folsom asked the audience for a call to action to “let people know that this city is changing!” He also asked for people to “Imagine the improvement in the city if everyone just took care of their own little piece of the world and cleaned their yard and put a fresh coat of paint on their home. What an immediate difference it would make.”





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