

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

MINUTES OF June 19, 2008

President Mary Ann West CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: President Mary Ann West; Vice-President Ivan Heling; and Treasurer Joseph Gallegos. ABSENT: Secretary Andrea Chelemengos

A meeting sign in sheet was distributed to the membership - 21 WERE PRESENT.

President West confirmed that a QUORUM was present.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS:

1. Council District 1 Report/Announcements - Representative Mehgan Revolinsky. Ms. Revolinsky was present, but since Councilmember Pete Constant was in attendance he gave the report, first about upcoming events. Then he reported that the City balanced budget passed on Tuesday with cuts in several areas including library hours. However, 25 police officers will be added. There is one million dollars for crime prevention. Both the Gang Diversion and Crossing Guard programs were saved. There are 35 million dollars in cuts this year, with 45 million dollars in cuts next year.

2. Report on CAP Grant - Joseph Gallegos. Treasurer Gallegos reported that the CAP grant process is longer than expected. There are chances that there will not be full funding for all applications. We should know at the next meeting. Councilmember Constant explained the process. LNA Advisor, SNI, Rosamaria Hernandez said that there has been a lot of restructuring in the CAP process.

3. Monthly Treasurer's Report - Joseph Gallegos. We have about \$160 in our account. Now any incoming money will come to Joe's name and address. Joe and Mary Ann are signers on any checks. Councilmember Constant reviewed former LNA group's use of funding. He announced that we will be receiving \$250.00 from Council District 1 which is unrestricted. Treasurer Gallegos has been talking to the Eden group about how they ask for \$15.00 from each member with an 80% response and end up with working money of \$2,000 - \$3,000.

4. Report on On-Going Projects.
A. National Night Out Planning - National Night Out - Tuesday, August 5, 2008. Reported by Chuck and Dolores Mayes. The National Night Out (NNO) Committee meeting was held on June 12, 2008. They did not know if we have CAP grant funding yet for NNO. We plan to have the event from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in front of Lynhaven School. President West will help obtain one million dollars of insurance required by working with United Neighborhoods, and will submit to school district for permit. Councilmember Constant said he could help with any insurance problems. Our NNO emphasis will be to "strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships." The committee wants the event to be family oriented; asking the police to be present and possibly a K-9 unit, and fire truck. Information tables are planned about City programs and promoting our LNA. We plan on cool refreshments and drinks. The event will be publicized through our July flyer and perhaps an extra one. Dolores Mayes talked about volunteers; areas in which they could help; and passed around a sign-up sheet. The committee will be contacting persons to help after their next committee meeting on July 3, 2008. Advisor Hernandez cautioned to quickly call the Crime Prevention Unit (SJPD), and fire department to set this up. President West said that all are needed to help make the program work. This is the start of getting together for neighborhoods to get to know people.

. B. Corner of San Tomas/MoorPark Improvement Project. No Report.

C. Traffic Calming. Clark Leakins has received a package and reviewed it to see the proper way the City wants to proceed on it. If he can get 50% of people on street, the city will respond. It could be at a low level such as crosswalks. There should be a 2 or 3 month time period. Together we could do reasonable things. We can have an impact. Other streets becoming involved, which are close to the area, is all the better. The whole goal is to keep people from using cut through streets. Councilmember Constant said that as of last Tuesday the City has a new guideline lowering the threshold speed; also there is increased money, and new methods of funding; and an increased focus dealing with traffic calming. This will, hopefully, be a more enabling process. The work on the signatures may take longer than what the packet says.

NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS:

5. Discuss International Christian Center Master Plan - Shirley Furtado. Added was Pastor P.T. Mammen and Pastor Chris Nallan of the International Christian Center. [Note: Councilmember Pete Constant spoke also.]

PRESIDENT MARY ANN WEST introduced Pastor P.T. Mammen and Pastor Chris Nallan to speak about the Church, their view, and plans.

MAMMEN said that this is your Church and neighborhood, and that Chris has done extensive outreach in the community. Their mission is to glorify Christ. They want their Center to serve and partner with neighbors to make the system work. He continued that they are in a Master Plan stage of development. They don't want to pay as much property taxes.

FURTADO said that she wants to make this place look nice.

MAMMEN said that there will be one Master Plan for the whole campus; that the development may be incremental; and they want neighbors to give their input. He continued that they invited comment from NAC; also with Pete sharing thoughts. He said that now we want to get your thoughts.

NALLAN added that they will have subsequent group meetings for discussion.

TREASURER JOSEPH GALLEGOS said that he met with Pastor, Shirley, and Clark. They don't want anything outrageous. This is Open Space - not owned by perimeter neighbors.

LISA BURNS said that her child enjoys the current playground. She wants a group meeting with the powers that be because she's concerned about what may happen.

FURTADO asks what is the Master Plan?

MAMMEN responded that there is none developed, but some ideas presented.

CONSTANT said the SNI, PAC, and NAC Top 10 are coming up with more Parks as our goal. He said that he brought his idea to P.T. getting together 2-3 months ago. Constant went to see what the possibilities might be from various City departments to get plot plans. When he gets something he'll get back to the Church and neighborhood. He said that twenty years ago, neighbors wouldn't know what's going on. People won't always agree, but they can get into discussions. Many groups usually have the plans first and take to the City for approval, but the neighborhood doesn't know anything about it. Constant continued that in the event that this become a Park - an Open Space, the City has put 4 million dollars in a Reserve Fund which is not earmarked or encumbered. This is zoned only for a Church now.

BURNS asked where are you heading with this?

MAMMEN replied that he has been trained in professional leadership and negotiation and has been in politics in San Mateo, including the Park Commission, and spearheading the Mt.

Davidson cross staying. Having to speak to council members is a part of this.

He said that you can write down your thoughts and bring them anytime to our church. Any land use change must go through the Council.

BURNS asked Constant if his job was to stay neutral.

CONSTANT replied

that he does have an opinion and that's what council members do when they go to City council.

He said that he'd express his opinion as we go forward. His job is to make sure the process goes forward. If rezoned, thousands of things could happen to this property.

DOLORES MAYES remembers the older orchard days in San Jose. Then she lived in L.A. She said that it's getting like that around here. She'd like to see a quiet, peaceful Park where no one is bothered. But she knows that it is money before needs.

CONSTANT said that he'd like to see a kid's Park.

JERRY GILES said that he didn't want to pay tax on the back lot.

MAMMEN responded that maybe it would be in the front area or middle area for a Park and a nice upscale townhouse for church members - affordable for them.

GILES is concerned about rules on a Park. There have been drugs in the back in the past and has been an un-policed area.

NALLAN said that Safety is #1 and Open Space is #2. It's a community decision as to what kind of Park. Have an open mind. It's not - there's a church - do things around it. CONSTANT said that he won't allow high density housing like every part of the City and that it won't be our character of the neighborhood.

GALLEGOS said that there is no public park in our boundaries. This is not for Madonna Drive, but for all in the area.

A GENTLEMAN IN THE GROUP commented that he appreciated that we can meet here.
GALLEGOS emphasized that neighbors need to be hooked in now. This is a perfect place to meet.
WEST wanted to make sure that the exit is to Williams, not to Nazarene/Madonna.
BURNS asked what is the time frame?
MAMMEN responded, after 4-5 months we'll close the discussion process.
BURNS said that Madonna and Radcliff residents don't want people to come here. Persons like, Mr. Giles, living at the back of the Church, even as the building represents now, has to take this junk; and drug dealers, too
GALLEGOS said that it's hard to do what's best for the Church and the neighborhood.
CONSTANT said that there's a difference between small and large Parks. With some parks, neighbors could look at and see good Parks.
SOMEONE said that you don't need a developer, but to beautify.
GALLEGOS said that if there is anything that Madonna Drive wants, have one representative send him an email
CLARK LEAKINS said that there's a park in Los Altos people can't even find.
WEST said that it would be good if everyone here could talk to neighbors - we want input now.
LEAKINS commented that Pete doesn't want neighbors screaming at City Council.
CONSTANT said he doesn't want everyone upset if this happens and they don't know. Then there's no control. In District 1 there is the least amount of Open Space of an other District. Other parts of town have used Imminent Domain.
FURTADO asked how do you do a park with a Church?
CONSTANT responded that this is free thinking. All City departments are involved them. In the Cambrian area, I am the only councilmember who voted against high density housing.
FURTADO said that selling to the City doesn't make sense.
MAMMEN said that it will be very properly, professionally developed.
BETTY WIESKE said that she wants to schedule a meeting for Lynn Oaks.
WEST said that next month, on the 3rd Thursday, the LNA will put this on our agenda.
Councilmember Constant needs to get information back from City planning. We'll ask the neighborhood to come.
CONSTANT said that after he hears from the City, we might want to plan on LNA meeting only on this topic. He'll make sure that all will be involved.
LEAKINS said that maybe there is a minimum requirement.
FURTADO said that she wants to know the church's plan and we can work from there.
CONSTANT said that since the budget issues with the City have concluded, he'll now take more time with this.
GALLEGOS said that we shouldn't take this off the table. Put on the next agenda and allow 20 minutes.
6. Consider Ideas for Top 10 Neighborhood Priorities. Tabled for now.
7. Approve Minutes of the April 17 and May 15, 2008 Meetings.
Chuck Mayes said that the April 17 Minutes needed to be amended to show that all the money in the budget was not used for the Ice Cream Social.
Joseph Gallegos Moved to approve both April and May Minutes, with above amendment to April minutes. Dolores Mayes Seconded motion. Motion passed Unanimously.
NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNICATIONS. Tabled for now.
MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:30 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Chuck Mayes, Substitute Minute Taker