

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF May 21, 2009

6:30 p.m. - Networking Social - Refreshments: Compliments of **Lynhaven Neighbors**:
Green Cup Yogurt

Note: CPR - "Mini-Annie" Training has been postponed to June.
Pre-Registration Required - limited class size. To sign up please call Mary Ann West.

President Mary Ann West called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
Present: President Mary Ann West; Vice President Ivan Heling; Treasurer Joseph Gallegos; and Secretary Deborah Morrison.
Absent: None
President West confirmed a Quorum.
There were 21 members present.

Guest Speaker - Kim Connors, San Jose District Attorney - Elder Scams
Kim has been in the D A's office for 15 years - with 2 ½ years in Elder and Adult Financial Abuse. Case load has gone up 50% in one year. We are the targets. It is the crime of the 21st Century. The average victim is college educated and is between 55 and 64 years old.

Crimes are through the mail, internet, and everything.

Her main points were as follows:

1. Examples of Financial Crimes;
2. Scams Vs. I.D. Theft;
3. Prevention Is Key!;
4. Other Scams;
5. What They Know About You;
5. Prevention;
6. Danger Signals;
- and 7. Accident Scams.

Neighborhood Reports:

1. Approve April 2009 Meeting Minutes. Motion to Approve Minutes as sent out by email - Joe Gallegos; Motion Seconded - Bob Pegram and one other.
Motion Unanimously Approved.

Discussion followed about some persons on emailed list, but not receiving minutes. They may need to set their email for "allow" for email address from Secretary Deborah Morrison.

2. Council District 1 Announcements - Meghan Revolinsky.

a. Proposed Operating Budget Copy - Pete advocates strategic budget cuts getting back to the core. Fire, etc. Drafts will be emailed in the next couple of days.

Discussion: Joe - Pete may be forced to do across the board. Megan: sometimes "yes" and sometimes "no." Police officers filling positions that civilians might fill. Those types of things. Mary Ann: Doesn't feel that it should be 10% across the board. Better that one program is entirely staffed, then partial staffing of several programs. Doing lay offs. Meghan: If we want to give Pete ideas, let him know.

- b. *CommUnity Resource Fair* - Partnership with Businesses - June 7th - [11 a.m. - 4 p.m.- History Park.]
- c. *Lucile Packard Health Van* - Summer - Doctors - nutrition, birth control [,etc.] This helps with the impact of lack of insurance.
- d. *Winchester Business Association BBQ Cook-Off* - June 13th - 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. - By Century 21 Theater. Fun house and fire engine.
- e. *Car Show and Fund Raiser Flea Market* [Cypress Senior Center and Starbird Youth Center at Immanuel Presbyterian Church - June 27th - 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Car Show - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.]
- f. *Disability Awareness Day* - Oct. 8th - [10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - City Hall Rotunda and Plaza.]
- g. *Greek Festival* - May 29th, 30th, 31st - [Times vary. St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church].
- h. *New Area Business* - Green Cup Yogurt - May 23 - 50% off.
- i. *No July [Evening Neighborhood] Meetings* - This so Councilmember Pete Constant can concentrate on the budget.
- j. *City Wide Dumpster Day* - Last week had Dumpster Day due to the City garbage contract. There was not much advanced notice this time. Now Code Enforcement involved. This will be done in every neighborhood every 3 years around the same time each year.

3. *Monthly Treasurer's Report* - Joseph Gallegos.

- CAP Grant Award. We received the CAP Grant.

•CAP Grant Committee Reflections: Mary Ann thanked Joe for serving on the City CAP Grant Committee. Councilmember Pete Constant asked him to do this and there were several meetings Joe attended in the process. Joe reflected on the process saying that the amount granted to all groups went from \$750,00 to finally \$170,000. The highest grant given was 60 - 65 % of the request. Some groups did what Joe called “creative writing” in proposals. He did reclude himself when our Lynhaven Neighborhood Association and area groups were being considered.

•Treasury - Have \$745 and some for miscellaneous expenses. State still has \$180. No big expense on docket. We have money to fund to this July and next [fiscal] year.

•Report on Collection of Dues. We have around \$300 in dues. (Persons do not have to pay dues to be members of the association.) Out of 5, 000 residents 20 persons have paid. In the Eden Neighborhood Associations [an established group] they have 75% of persons paying dues with \$7,000 in the kitty all the time.

Mary Ann said that Money = Ability to Do Things = Money. Mary Ann said that our group is “getting our legs” and that we should bring our neighbors.

Neighborhood Business:

4. *President's Announcements* - Mary Ann (and Others):

a. *Lynhaven PTA BBQ* - June 12 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Need help in BBQing; pass out watermelon; and other things. Chuck Mayes said that their core BBQing group is gone and that he promised them our help and they helped us in several ways with our E-waste Day.

b. *Health and Safety Fair* - May 23 - 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Pueblo de Dios Church - Corner of Payne and Eden. Need help with volunteers. [Sponsored by Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition and ACUDIR]

c. *Update on Emergency Preparedness Block Captains* - Ivan - He's been working more now with San Jose Prepared [Office of Emergency Services].

d. *Mini-Annie Training* - At next Meeting in June - It's a short way of doing CPR and take home small blow-up Mini-Annie dummy. Sheet passed around. Can only take so many. Can invite other neighbors to come.

e. *National Night Out* - [August 4, 2009 - Tuesday] - Think about - like last year. We had our Ice Cream Social and had 75 in attendance.

f. *Flyer Delivery and Attendance* - Need members to deliver flyers once a month. Have had members drop out in delivering. 22 were delivering at one time. How many more do we need? Sign-up sheet passed around.

Process is for Andrea Chelemengos [former Secretary] to make up Agenda and give to Joe. Joe takes to West San Jose Community Center for printing of 800 copies. These are then divided up and taken to Mary Ann to give to persons to deliver. Try to get flyers out 2 weeks before meeting. (The email addresses were originally received from three years ago and updating all the time.)

Discussion about most effective way of advertising meetings. Betty Wieske said that the flyers were the best. Person at this meeting said she came tonight because of the flyer. Betty said that when there was discussion of Eden Ave. some came from there [boosting attendance]. Clark Leakins said that as he passes out flyer he tries to talk to persons when he can. Person-to-person is by far the best way. One man gets one copy and e-mails to other persons. Mary Ann said that we could have one block captain to pass out Agenda flyers and one for disaster.

Joe said that most groups have a physical concern. Older groups have a newsletter. Groups have events that are galvanizing like a murder or accident, but the hard part is [how to get good attendance at meetings] during the everyday stuff. (Even though our revived group is 2 years old, we are still considered a young group.) Mary Ann said that our group is "getting our legs." and that we should bring our neighbors.

g. *Ideas for Speakers* - Mary Ann asked for ideas for speakers.

h. *BBQ* - International Christian Center has invited the neighborhood to a BBQ on Memorial Day at Noon.

i. *Blackford Clean Up* - Joe mentioned that a gentleman at last meeting invited us to join in a cleanup in the Blackford area.

j. *280/880[17]* - Brad, person who came to the April meeting, when the VTA came, gave the presenters an idea to which they will give some thought. His idea was to bring

the off ramp into the park in back of the Fire Department. Brad said that he would write up something.

The background is that the City may make Tish Road one way, jumping off to Winchester, with an elevated off ramp, coming over to our area; which will make traffic “interesting” as Mary Ann put it.

There will be follow-up meetings with outreach. Plans are to start in 2011. Start 880 to Westfield Mall. Not all the money needed yet, but some. Meghan said that Stimulus money will be used. It should be completed in 2020 - 2021. Dolores Mayes said that it is worst for the Fire Department because it couldn't go 2 ways. Clark said that the VTA will try to do changes. Joe added that home owners policies would go up because houses would then not be close to Fire Department. Also the intersection is massive.

k. Winchester Business District - Spruce up and beautification. Have had 5 -6 meetings. Meghan said on July 19th - August 19th final comments will be received. The final meeting will be on August 19th at the Winchester Mystery House. (Mass mailings will be sent to the radius of Winchester Blvd.) This will be to make the final draft to the Redevelopment Agency and to Councilmember Pete Constant [District 1] and Councilmember Pierluigi Oliveria (District 6).

Meghan said that this meeting is really meant for those who have attended the series of meetings and would be hard for someone just to show up [and follow what has been going on.] It is based on persons who've been involved. Much has done through email anyway. The last meeting will be another meeting with the heads of the departments. Meghan cited some ideas including: Reorganizing Winchester Blvd. in clusters (but groups of businesses here, and then there - doesn't happen over night).; lane changes are in the works with on street parking; and the neighbors are still emphasizing no traffic on arterial streets.

Neighbor Communications:

Neighbor communications throughout meeting above. No specific Neighbor Communications asked for [due to length of meeting].

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Next Neighborhood Meeting - Thursday, June 18, 2009 (3rd Thursday of every month).

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Mayes
Minute Taker
Lynhaven Neighborhood Association

