

Lynhaven Neighborhood Association
Minutes – January 15, 2015
(Approved at meeting of February 19, 2015)

Meeting called to order by Anthony (Tony) Madieros, Acting President at 7:01 pm

Introduction: Tony welcomed everyone and thanked those who deliver flyers for the meetings. He also wanted to thank Chuck and Dolores Mayes for their leadership for the prior year. Each attendee was asked to introduce him/herself and share their address and for how long they've lived there. Note: They were 21 individuals attending, including two gentlemen from the Orchard Neighborhood Association.

Approval of Minutes from the November 20, 2014 meeting:

Minutes were approved by a quorum of members.

CAP 28: How it is being spent: – Tony Madieros & Susan Giles reported:

First of all, CAP stands for Community Action and Pride Grant and is received from the City of San Jose. Per the Memorandum of Understanding just signed and submitted, *“The mission of the CAP grant is to promote the development of healthy and self-reliant neighborhoods by supporting residents to: 1) unify for action; 2) actualize their collective power, and 3) create community-based solutions to meet physical, social, and economic challenges. The CAP program provides financial support to offset the cost to resident based groups that help: 1) conduct activities that build or strengthen the neighborhood organizations, 2) organize neighborhood projects to improve conditions, or 3) organize and conduct activities that address issues important to neighborhood quality of life. The scope of the grant is for the following activities/items: 1) Outreach and administration, 2) National Night Out, and 3) Dumpster Day.”*

Note: There is a very comprehensive list of eligible and ineligible activities/items for the use of the \$1,500 grant. We are currently in the CAP 28 cycle and just received the check.

City Council District 1 – Issues/Events: Chelsey Seagraves, D-1 Representative

- Council Member Chappie Jones: **Thank You for Support** – Happy to be in Office
 - Looking forward to 4 years of serving District 1
 - Committee Assignments
 - Rules – *good assignment to get!*
 - Public Safety, Finance & Strategic Support
 - Community & Economic Development
- District 1 Office Staff
 - New & Familiar Faces
 - Jerad Ferguson – Chief of Staff
 - Matt Kamkar – Policy Advisor / Land Use / Transportation
 - He'll be attending the meetings for the Winchester Blvd. Strategy
 - Ed Brooks
 - Constituent Services
 - Schools & Neighborhoods issues
 - Chelsey Seagraves

- Chappie’s Long-Term Goals & Priorities for 4 years in office
 - Have many in mind but want to hear your feedback
 - High-level goals
 - Continue fiscal reforms
 - Traffic mitigation
 - Public safety
 - Over-arching theme “Quality of Life”
 - Communicating with neighborhoods
- Email YOUR priorities by end of the month -- district1@sanjoseca.gov
- New District 1 Website is up – still work in progress! Take a look!
- Planning Commission Vacancy
 - Very important position
 - Makes many decisions regarding land-use
 - Items / topics that might not be heard by City Council
 - Apply online by January 30
 - Printed Flyers were available
- Upcoming Events
 - County & City Community Meeting
 - Update on San Tomas & Lawrence Expressways
 - Planning status & concepts
 - January 20 – 6:30 PM- West Valley Library
 - Flyers were available
 - State of the City address by Mayor Liccardo
 - March 14 @ 10 AM – Independence High School
 - Continuing most all previous D1 Events
 - Senior Walk in April
 - Great American Litter Pick Up & Sign Clean UP
 - African American Flag Raising
 - Co-Sponsor with CM Kalra
 - February 6 @ 5 PM
 - City Hall Plaza
- District 1 Projects

Toys R Us Property

- D1 office recently became aware of a Preliminary Review for this site (very first stage in planning process)
- Proposal: 160 residential units (1 +2 bedrooms) with 12,000 square feet of retail on the 3.97 acre site.
- Planning Department’s preliminary review of proposal pointed out- residential component of development is NOT allowed under current Zoning and General Plan.
- City Staff gave options for changes to the proposal (copies of letters were available)
- If applicant wishes to proceed, can choose 1 of options in letter and submit official proposal for:
 - Detailed review including community and public meetings to get feedback
- Either way- CM Jones and his office will keep you updated on this site.
- REMEMBER: this is a long process!!!

Reserve Apartments:

- Still in the EIR Process (Environmental Impact Report)
- Will be for quite some time
- Realistically won't even be brought to Planning Commission until sometime next year
- Which means Community Meetings will be held
- If City needs more input before then- we will let you know

District 1 Leadership meeting report (of Jan. 10, 2015 meeting): Jerry Giles, LNA representative, reported that approximately 40 neighborhoods are represented at these meetings. Attendees were split into groups to determine what each group thought should be the priorities of the City of San Jose in 2015. Priorities agreed upon were: 1) traffic and road improvements, 2) better public transportation, and 3) better public safety. Members voiced concerns about the rapid construction of Urban Villages, and all agreed that “networking” was the main reason for attending the D1 meeting.

Chappie Jones reported: He is on the Rules Committee and has formed his staff. His long-term goals are: fiscal reform, traffic mitigation, public safety, better communication between the council and city employees, and more businesses and employment in San Jose. The D1 Advisory Council and D1 Planning Commission are in need of new members.

Sam Liccardo reported: His State of the City speech will take place at Independence High School on March 14 at 10 a.m. Public hearings on the fiscal 2016 budget will take place in April and May. Those concerned should provide their input early on in the process. He hopes to increase the number of police officers and improve mayor-police union communications. Also, he hopes to encourage more civic engagement among citizens by developing a “core” of retired people to assist city government. In addition, he wants to improve communications between the city council and city commissions. The city’s convention center is doing well, but downtown needs more hotel rooms. Regarding Urban Villages, he said they will not happen quickly. Regarding the lack of parks in District 1, he encouraged citizens to pursue obtaining permission from school districts to use school grounds as parks on weekends.

Other Reports: Neighborhood associations can obtain supplies from the city to pick up neighborhood trash. The city will provide \$100 to any neighborhood association that holds a “driveway party” to build community among neighbors.

Treasurer’s Report – Susan Giles

- The LNA bank balance is \$5,358.67
- Received 3 membership dues: \$60 plus \$110 in donations
 - If haven’t paid LNA membership due, please do!
- \$1,500 CAP 28 check received

New Business

- **Winchester High Density** – Andrea Chelemengos, LNA Representative, reported that nothing will be happening for the next couple of months on the proposed Reserve Apartments. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is in the process of being completed, and it will be a huge document. Once completed and ready for analysis, suggestion was made to break down the report into sections and have several different individuals read it. There will be a 30-day comment period.

- **LNA Growth**
In order to grow the LNA, it was suggested that there be more gatherings on various streets and to have the meeting in February be “bring a friend” theme.
- **Urban Villages**
Clark Leakins reported that there will be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. on January 21, in the Community Room at the Winchester Mobilehome Park. Michael Birlliot will be running the meeting. Suggestion was made asking Clark to put this on Nextdoor.
- **Fruit Harvest**
On behalf of Natalie Heling, Susan Giles requested that individuals who distribute flyers for the February meeting please e-mail her of the house addresses of those homes who have visible fruit trees. Natalie will then follow up with the residents to determine if there is interest in participating in the annual fruit harvest. Date of harvest is unknown but could be as early as March.
- **Open Forum: Special Speakers for the year**
It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Chappie Jones to speak at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:34pm by Tony Madieros

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Giles, Volunteer note taker for this meeting