

**Lynhaven Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes – February 21, 2012**  
**(February minutes approved at March 21, 2012 meeting)**

**Meeting called to Order – 7:06 pm**

**Treasurer's Report – Susan Larson**

- 17 LNA members- 4 contributed \$80 in donations
- Rest of members, please pay your membership dues!
- \$450 received in grant money.
- Current LNA cash balance: \$5098.83

**District 1 City Council Report – Jerad Ferguson**

- Mayor's budget priority setting session: got to hear from all of neighborhood committees' leaders.
- February 28th: city manager releases 5 year forecast and budget request. Will know next year's deficit (predicted to be \$22 million).
- 2013-2014 reserve/budget of \$22 million to counter deficit.
  - Possible surplus.
- Restoring services. Question: Which to restore first?
- Mayor's priority is public safety; hopes to hire more policemen to strengthen police force.
- March budget to be released in March: city manager makes proposed budget for next year.
  - Policy topics will be brought up, need input from everyone.
- Upcoming community budget meeting to be announced.
- New plan envisions areas in the city (urban villages): Winchester and Stevens Creek.
  - Meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> at Cypress Community Center in the evening for more information.
- Grand opening for Bascom Library: Saturday February 23, 2013.
  - Calabazas library grand opening: June 8, 2013.
  - All closed libraries will be re-opened. Question: Will library hours be increased?
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual West Valley Senior Walk
  - When and where: Friday, April 5, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at Westfield Valley Fair (2855 Stevens Creek Boulevard, San José).
- 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Great American Litter & Illegal Sign Clean-Up
  - When and where: Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Rainbow Park.
- Will be traffic improvements made by Lynhaven School.
  - Installing new stop sign.
  - Email Jerad Ferguson if have suggestions or questions.

**Guest Speaker- Annie Gambelin**

- Works with the Mayor's gang task force.
- Only 3 people left in the Neighborhood Empowerment Strike Team (NEST): assigned to work with certain areas to improve conditions and to help residents.

- Working to teach grandchildren to stay away from gangs; long process but good results.
- Can help struggling families pay off rent for a few months or deal with bills; NEST can help.
- Open to ideas and questions.
  - Contact info: *tel* (408) 794-1661. *Email*: [annie.gambelin@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:annie.gambelin@sanjoseca.gov)

#### **Beautification Grant update- Susan Larson**

- Received grant money, waiting on insurance certificate.
- Want Beautification project to coincide with Great American Litter Pickup event.
- 6-8 student volunteers needed.

#### **Lynhaven Emergency Response Team project- Clark Leakins update**

- Upcoming BBQ event to be held on Clark's street.
  - Meet all the neighbors and LERT information will be available.
  - Tony Madieros is compiling a binder of LERT material and resources for the LNA.

#### **Guest Speaker- Craig Diserrens from Village Harvest**

- Village Harvest: volunteer program that takes extra fruits and puts it to good use in the community.
  - Organized fruit harvests: sends extra fruit to food banks.
- Approximately 10-40 million pounds of fruit sitting in neighborhoods' backyards.
- Village Harvest can help you pick fruit off your tree or lend you the necessary supplies for you to do it yourself; **free service**.
- Year-round organization; picks oranges, lemons, grapefruit, cherries, plums, apricots, apples, etc.
- Eden fruit harvest: March 23, 2013.
- Lynhaven fruit harvest planned for April 6, 2013: still to be confirmed.
- Volunteers can taste to ensure fruit is ripe. ☺
- Need to know a few weeks in advance if you want to donate fruit.
  - Contact info: [www.villageharvest.org](http://www.villageharvest.org) or call toll-free (888) FRUIT 411.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany Chao, Minute Taker**