

**Lynhaven Neighborhood Association**  
Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2014  
Approved at the January 15, 2015 meeting

**LNA Officers for 2014:**

Charles and Dolores Mayes – President, Anthony Madieros – Vice President  
Susan Larson – Treasurer, Jerry Giles – Ex-Officio

**Meeting called to order** by Chuck Mayes at 7:08pm

**Introduction:** Chuck Mayes introduced the current LNA Officers to the members . He gave a brief history and explanation of the purpose and goals of the LNA. Dolores Mayes introduced the newest volunteers for several of the vacant positions. Chuck reminded us that there is no meeting scheduled for December, the next meeting will be held on January 15, 2015.

**Approval of Minutes from the October 16, 2014 meeting:**

Minutes approved by a quorum of members.

**District 1 Leadership meeting report:** Jerry Giles attended and has volunteered to represent LNA at the D-1 Leadership meetings through 2015.

- Speaker, Ed Shikada, City Manager, said currently the main concerns of the City are police recruiting, affordable housing, urban village creation and the homeless. The city currently has 17 development projects being considered.
- Youth Activity Coalition is planning a community garden and will hold a walk-a-thon.
- The Building Committee said that the Knight Foundation would be providing grants available to qualified city neighborhoods; more info to follow.
- Steve Landau commented that city community meetings need to be less contentious. Both sides need to be able to air their views. (regarding the public meetings for property development)
- Speaker, Pete Constant, talked about his tenure as Councilman. He worked to increase the number of neighborhood associations, fought for a more open gov't and better financial accountability. He talked about how market pressures are driving up housing prices. High density Residential and commercial development has been proposed at Saratoga Ave and Stevens Creek Blvd (the Harry's Hofbrau block) as well as on various car lots along Stevens Creek Blvd.

**New Officers for LNA 2015** were voted in unanimously by a quorum of members present:

- President: Position open. Tony Madieros will be acting President until it's filled.
- Vice President: Tony Madieros
- Treasurer: Susan Giles
- Secretary: Position open.
- Ex-Officio: Jerry Giles

**Volunteer Appreciation:** Dolores Mayes thanked the Officers and many volunteers who have supported the goals of LNA during the 2014 year. Jerry Giles, on behalf of the Officers and Membership, presented Chuck and Dolores with a framed certificate of appreciation for their hard work and excellent leadership for LNA during this past year.

**San Jose City Council District 1 news:** Chelsey Seagraves, D-1 Representative

- Charles “Chappie” Jones will be the new D-1 Councilman effective January 1 .
- There is no news regarding the Reserve Apartment development at this time. She advised us to check the city website for additional information.
- The housing impact fee was approved. The fee of \$17.00 per square foot will be effective beginning in 2016 on newly constructed rental housing in San Jose.
- This is Chelseys last meeting as representative of D-1. There will be many changes in the D-1 office. The new Councilman should provide us with information about his staff and their availability after he takes office.

**Treasurers Report** – Susan Larson.

- The LNA bank balance is \$3,188.67.
- Membership: Final LNA paid membership for 2014 is 30 members. We had 32 residents join LNA during the dumpster day event on Oct 18, 2014.
- CAP 28: The CAP grant funds are expected to be mailed to all NAs by the second week of December.

**New Business:**

- Andrea Chelemengos, with many years of experience in the Planning Dept for various cities, introduced herself and offered to help interested LNA members understand the city planning and property development process and how to get our concerns and needs addressed during the redevelopment of Winchester Blvd. She encouraged us to use online city resources to find information about the project, schedule of public meetings and for communication with city offices. She advised that we should attend all available meetings to voice our opinions on record and should expect to have to compromise. We should coordinate our efforts with other effected NAs to influence the decision to an acceptable outcome for all.
- Visiting members of nearby NAs reported their experience with the development process of projects that affect their residents and advised LNA about things we may need to address. Discussion followed.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm by Chuck Mayes**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Larson, Volunteer note taker for this meeting