

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF February 19, 2009

President MaryAnn West called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 25 members present.

Guest Speaker - Wayne Haraguchi, Referral Realty, speaking on "Money and the Housing Crisis": Wayne's family were first owners and he grew up in our immediate area. He is both in Real Estate for 20 years and is a (inactive) CPA. Wayne explained how the current situation affects persons, in our Campbell Market area, giving examples, including Sub Prime Mortgage; Types of Borrowers; Short Sales; Real Estate Owned; Forecloses; 1, 5, and 20 year Price Summaries, and State Propositions 60 and 90. He said that lenders, borrowers, and banks are all at fault. If the price is good, people will be buying, and that in the Valley in 2009, hopefully, it will be steadier. Real Estate is a great investment compared with the Stock Market. He took several questions from the group including about areas that are more desirable in which to purchase a home including the proximity to a sound wall. Suggested websites are the following:

www.mlslistings.com - updated constantly.

www.sccgov.org - all kinds of information like he talked about.

www.greatschools.net - tells School Districts' Test Scores.

Wayne said to contact him at anytime (www.haraguchi.com) and is willing to come back.

Neighborhood Reports:

1. *Approve November 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes.* Motion to Approve Minutes - Chuck Mayes; Motion Seconded - Sue McMillin. Motion Approved.

2. *Council District 1 Announcements - Meghan Revolinsky:*

a. Winchester Blvd. Master Plan Meetings as follows: Workshop 3 - Strategy and Overall Identity this Saturday (Feb. 21st) - Bethel Church - 10 a.m.; Workshop 4 - Land Use, Zoning and Physical Enhancements - March 28th - 10 a.m. - Bethel Church; Final Community Meeting - April 29th - 6 p.m. - Winchester Mystery House.

b. Illegal Sign Clean Up - Feb. 28th - West San Jose Community Center - 8:30 a.m. Code Enforcement will be there at beginning to tell what looking for and organize it.

c. Greek Flag Raising Ceremony - March 25, 2009 - 4 p.m. - San Jose City Hall Plaza. Councilmember Pete Constant is Greek.

d. Pete is focusing on the budget: Core Services; Infrastructure; and Strategic Elimination. Mayor's Budget Message in March about cutting budget mid-year.

e. Winchester and Williams Stop Light and sidewalk will be redone including wheelchair ramps and improvements. This \$600,000 comes from the Redevelopment Agency.

f. There is an Ethiopian Store opening on Winchester roughly across the street from Starbucks. A gentleman has a new application for a liquor license. His proposal is 20 percent liquor and 80 percent groceries. The Winchester Business Association OK'd it, but the Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition (Winchester NAC) is tending to go against it. Pete says OK because the store would be specializing in liquor from Ethiopia. Joe mentioned Los Cuatos having a liquor license agreement. Meghan said that in the Winchester NAC's opinion Los Cuatos was to be the last one and that we can give any opinion to the Winchester NAC and write a letter to the City Council. The Winchester NAC has a target date of 2 weeks to make a decision.

g. There was a new Code Enforcement person that is being proactive in the Williamsburg, Loma Verde, etc. areas.

h. Clean up of Cadillac Drive Area (on 11/22/08) was probably the most successful project that the community has done with about 100 volunteers. It was intensive. Many persons came out of their houses. 8 dumpsters were filled. Couches and mattresses were loaded. 3 gates were painted. Around this time, 9 cars were towed and the street was swept.

i. Meghan will tell us later what will be at the former Japanese Restaurant close to the corner of Winchester and Williams. It has been rebuilt inside.

3. Monthly Treasurer's Report - Joseph Gallegos:

See right below (#5) - Dues Collection Update / Discussion - CAP Grant.

Neighborhood Business:

4. *E-Waste Day Volunteer Sign-ups/Update - Saturday, March 7, 2009 - Shift Volunteers Needed - To volunteer or for more info. Call Mary Ann West:* Mary Ann said that the more we get to volunteer the less time each. She then explained the jobs to be done. Volunteers would not have to deal with electronic items

5. Dues Collection Update/Discussion

Support for Projects not Funded by CAP Grant - For more info. Call Joe Gallegos: Membership forms were distributed. Members were asked to fill in the form and turn it in with \$20 to Joe. He will then record and send an emailed confirmation. Dues are by calendar year.

Our CAP Grant request for this cycle is \$2,361.

6. Disaster Block Captain Volunteers - 1 person per block -

The Executive Board had a meeting and decided to emphasize Emergency Preparedness and Block Captains from each block in the neighborhood. Mary Ann posed the question of how to find out information from persons without giving up their security.

Answers included a bonded, secure person going door to door.

It was suggested that the Block Captain could not only facilitate Emergency Preparedness, but also collection of dues. Joe said that knowing what neighbors you have in important, but equally important is to know who to check on as older persons.

Betty Wieske said that we can start out small with emergency preparedness getting the neighborhood involved with knowing the elderly first. Vice President Ivan Heling said Mary Ann that and have trained with San Jose Prepared thoroughly, now they have to figure out the whole community thing. Ivan said that Oakland has a fantastic Manual

with specific directions. Ivan will be taking the "trainer of trainers" course. One association, Hathaway Park ?, has emergency drills.

Discussion commenced about how to contact our immediate neighbors first knowing how to prepare to help vulnerable persons; going around, perhaps with a vest and hat; pamphlets, or having group meetings telling them about Emergency Preparedness. This would, then, be a good opportunity to tell them about what the LNA is doing and the collection of dues. Sue McMillin said that we should let people know that we are taking dues and things that we've done in the past. Tom Wieske asked if this hasn't this been suggested before? Make a handout of what we've done. What do we get for \$20? Clark Leakens and Chris Huber volunteered to prepare a flyer.

Neighbor Communications:

➤ *280/880 Intersection:* We look at the Winchester Blvd. Master Plan, but what about the 280/880 intersection? One of proposals is that Tish Way will be closed to East Bound Traffic for a certain period. Problem - there will be a land locked situation. It will be bad for the Fire Department. Winchester is impacted as it is. It's a bigger project, than 101, but in a residential area. Big problem - going to arterials. Going from Cloverleaf to Mega-Intersection model. Textbook designs, but persons designing don't live here. Person has received a mailer for the first meeting. There will be meetings and citizens should become involved, go to meetings, speak up and make neighbors aware.

Go to www.vta.org.

➤ *Community Bulletin Board:*

Need help with . . . I can help you withPet feeding-Dog Walking-Lawn work-Computers-For Sale Items-House Sitting-Painting-Watering-Handyman:

A bulletin board will be brought to every meeting. Could be barter; \$5 per hour, etc. Secretary Deborah Morrison said that this could be put on different colored cards - one color for services wanted and one for services offered. Also the card could be cut where interested persons could pull the phone number from the card.

This could be added to our website, "Check Bulletin Board" at meetings. Persons in group or group itself could make money.

- Joe commented that we have no businesses in our boundaries and that we need to develop a profile to get businesses to donate to us.
- The Winchester NAC needs someone to be in charge of their website. No payment was mentioned by them.
- Wayne Haraguchi said that he could help when it was mentioned that other groups have had Real Estate companies help with their signage, putting their own lettering on the Real Estate signs.
- Census Training in March at Pastor Leon's church Pueblo De Dios. If interested contact Pastor Leon. \$18.00 per hour.

- The Lynhaven Elementary School P.T.A. has asked us to provide volunteers to cook at their annual BBQ on June 12, 2009. We will help each other.
- Pete's Senior Walk on April 17 - Westfield Valley Fair at 9 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned - 9:14 p.m.

❖ *Next Neighborhood Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Thursday,
March 19, 2009 (3rd Thursday of every month)*

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Mayes
Minute Taker