

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF March 19, 2009

6:30 p.m. - Networking Social - Refreshments

President Mary Ann 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 17 members present.

Neighborhood Reports:

1. *Approve Minutes of February 19, 2009 Meeting.* Motion to Approve Minutes as sent by email - Joe Gallegos; Motion Seconded - Chris Huber. Motion Unanimously Approved.

2. *Council District 1 Reports/Announcements - Representative Meghan Revolinsky.*

a. Illegal Sign Clean Up [Feb. 28th]. Over 80 volunteers. Pulled down over 300 illegal signs. One company puts signs up on weekends and then takes down. Councilmember Pete Constant - mission to shut down illegal signs. Went over legal signage rules. City will be copying this and annually in District 1.

b. Leadership Group Meeting - [District 1 - March 14th] - Had Police Chief, Fire Captain, and Director of Emergency Services. See notes on website. Pilot District 1 program - neighborhood leaders visit 911 and 311 Dispatch Center.

c. Budget - Pete wants strategic cuts - get rid of programs that aren't necessary. Community Budget Meeting soon.

d. Senior Walk - April 17th. Includes free prescription drop off.

e. Great American Liter Pick Up - April 25th - Citywide.

f. Winchester Neighborhood Meeting - this Sat. [March 28th] - 9 - 12.

g. Meghan will help if we have any questions or problems dealing with the City.

3. *Monthly Treasurer's Report - Joseph Gallegos.* We are "in the money" as follows: E-Waste - \$365; Deposit - \$150; At meeting - \$50. Trying to get back - State Property - \$180. **Total - \$745** as of tomorrow.

CAP Grant - CAP Grant that was submitted will be reviewed on April 4th and we will find out later. Joe is on the CAP Review Committee. He will watch the process and will recuse himself when our CAP Grant Proposal is brought up.

4. *Report on March 7, 2009 E-Waste Recycling Event.* "Thank you" were given from Mary Ann and Chuck Mayes. The check for \$365 was passed by Mary Ann to Treasurer Gallegos. [See *Monthly Treasurer's Report* above.] EarthCare's, Steve Ramona, donated the \$75 for insurance to us making a total of \$365 received. Chuck announced that 7,685 lbs. of E-Waste was collected. He thanked Mary Ann, Meghan, Pete, and Natalie Heling and Betty Wieske for delivering flyers. Dennis Shofner was given special recognition for putting up the banner. Also thanked were the 15 plus volunteers [who greeted, directed, and, and thanked persons participating]. Mary Ann said that there were 20 persons in the area and 20 persons outside the area.

Guest Speakers:

1. Our City Forest - Shade n' Save Program - Misty Mersich

This is a non-profit 15-year-old urban forest project partnering with P.G.&E. for private property owners which plants and replaces and maintains trees in our City; and also helps with the City Permit process. P.G.&E. wants to show that this will sometimes reduce electric bills. Those receiving trees must have an air conditioning system even in a window. They have an arborist and do all the work including maintenance. They do Community and School Plantings also. Some members said that P.G. & E. must have a "backdoor" rebate from the government.

2. Ivan Heling, Association Vice President - Starting Our Preparedness Program.

Vice President Ivan Heling presented a handout to the group - "Lynhaven Emergency Response Committee" - revealing a Prototype Approach. Ivan is a ham radio operator and found that every other ham is involved in emergency preparedness. He is taking the trainer of trainers class. This is not a bad time to do this setting up teams and joining others in our City doing this. **His outline is as follows:**

Why? Promote residents' safety. In a large scale disaster we'll be on our own.

Lynhaven ERT Structure. Emergency Response Committee. Core group of local responders. Most residents personally prepared to take care of themselves.

Phase I: Prototype. Find a few block captains. Personal and family preparedness campaign.

Phase 2: Spread Out. More block captains, education. Encourage more to take the SJ Prepared training class. Encourage people to take first aid and CPR classes. Identify neighborhood resources.

Phase 3: Increase Capability. Structure. Be able to run a disaster drill March 2010.

Phase 4: More education and training. Build equipment inventory.

With Ivan, Mary Ann and Joe are on the Emergency Committee. Ivan challenged others to get involved as Block Captains. He said that the more we can get to not get hurt [in a disaster] is great.

Neighborhood Business:

5. President's Announcements.

a. Dues are being collected - \$20 per family. Clark Leakins said that he is working on a promotional piece, seeking advice from Richard Kabanek of the Eden Neighborhood Association (ENA), which will be a sales tool.

b. Refreshments per month - Discussion of ideas about best way. Sign-up sheet passed around. Joe announced next month that the area "El Habanero" Cuban/Mexican restaurant would provide food.

c. Mini-[Resusi] Annie - new way of doing CPR training - Now pressure more than breathing is important in saving more lives. Taught next month at our meeting by Officer Steve. Sign up if want to do this. You get to keep it including a video tape. Can ask neighbors who may want to come. Tell Mary Ann one week before. Bring towel or gardening kneepads; or can be done on table.

d. Ethiopian Market issue - Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition agreed [to send a letter] to the City Planning Department to approve this with restrictions.

- e. Intersection of Winchester and Williams - Mary Ann passed around a design plan from the City.
- f. Requests for Permit Notification - City will send you information by email.
- g. Health and Safety Fair - May 23rd, Pastor Leon's [Pueblo de Dios] Church - Corner of Eden and Payne. Need volunteers.
- h. Neighborhood Night Out [August] - Start thinking about this.
- i. Dumpster Day - Steve Ramona of EarthCare has person that has a dumpster that compacts materials and is cheaper. Usual dumpster is \$500.
- j. Lynhaven PTA BBQ - June 12th - we will help - have 2 volunteers. Mary Ann and Joe now volunteered to help also.

Neighbor Communications:

This is an opportunity to comment on any item not on the agenda. Please state your name and street where you reside and please limit comments to 3 minutes per speaker.

- a. Interchange of 280/17 [880] - Chris went to a meeting with VTA representatives. Two area versions - Tish becoming one way and Winchester and Stevens Creek to 280. Comments at meeting were request for more studies and also dealing with Moorpark to Winchester. Environmental Impact Study mid-summer. Meghan will ask that VTA come out to a neighborhood meeting. Mary Ann suggested that with the Mini-Annie meeting in March, the April meeting could be for VTA. Meghan will give Mary Ann [VTA] material. Meghan said that when VTA would give a presentations that we should question them heavily and keep in mind what we know. Problem - Christmas and weekends are heaviest traffic, but their studies are done in the Summer. Mary Ann will put off the meeting with the District Attorney as speaker.
- b. A lot of things going on in the District including development of Santana Row with mixed impact. Funding issue now. Movie theater across the street being developed like Santana Row. Joe said that a big thing is going to happen and at some point both theater lots. There is also a toxic area which will need cleanup. Mentioned was the agricultural area approved for mixed retail and houses.
- c. Secretary Debbie Morrison expressed traffic concerns. Clark will bring his traffic research [from our Traffic Committee] to our next meeting. Joe said that we should dedicate a meeting to discuss traffic and that those closest to the street should get going. Ivan said that it's easier to get persons "off the dime" on the Eden Ave. [project] than on Cypress.
- d. International Christian Center [and proposed park] - Meghan said that there is no movement on this and that nothing has changed. This process is drawn out. The plans have to get through Planning and Parks. Mary Ann has heard nothing from Pete. Meghan reviewed that the Church is zoned for quasi-public use. Not zoned for housing or high density housing. There must be a zone change request. She said that the group would be notified. A mailing would be sent out to those in the notifying radius of the proposed project. Joe said that the group should not attribute ill meaning to Pete, just because Pete has not said anything. Meghan went on to say that the Church put plans out for the possible use of land, but nothing is in stone. These are baby steps. Meghan will follow through with this.

Dolores Mayes commented that she had given Pastor Chris Nallan a plan with building changes so that the Church building could be used for an earthquake emergency. She did not know if he had given it to Pastor P.T. Mammen. This is where a lot of people and children could run to.

Mary Ann mentioned about the plans that Madonna Drive had drawn up.

Dolores said that she had seen on Google maps that there were 7 swimming pools in the area. [So there is no need for a "Cabana Club".]

e. Fruit Donation - ENA has a fruit donation program with thousands of pound given to a kitchen. Bags are certified by an agricultural official before given away.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Next Neighborhood Meeting - Thursday, April 16, 2009 (3rd Thursday of every month).

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Mayes

Minute Taker
