

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF August 20, 2009

6:30 p.m. - Networking Social - Refreshments: Compliments of Lynhaven Neighbors: Sue McMillin and Ann Rogers.

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.

President West confirmed a Quorum. There were 16 members present.

Neighborhood Reports:

1. *Approve June 2009 Minutes.* [They was no meeting in July.] Motion to Approve Minutes - Dolores Mayes. Motion seconded - Roger Johnson. Motion Unanimously Approved.
2. *Council District 1 Announcements - Meghan Revolinsky.*
 - a. *Night Meetings* - Councilmember Pete Constant's office has lost staff members due to staff turnover and Meghan has had to take on other night meetings.
 - b. *Pete's Surgery* - Pete has had neck surgery recently. He will be back to work on September 1. Thank you for get well emails, etc.
 - c. *2nd Annual Disability Awareness Day* - Office of Therapeutic Services - chair of event - October 8th - [Thursday, City Hall Rotunda & Plaza - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Free workshops begin at 8:30 a.m.]. There is an Empathy Experience included.
 - d. *Family and Domestic Violence Walk* - To end domestic violence - October 2 - Friday - 1.3 miles walk - City Hall - Fund Raiser [11:00 a.m. (registration begins at 10:30 a.m.)]. More information - Eve Castellanos at (408) 535-8101.] Economic issues are making this worse. Family death a couple of months ago.
 - e. *City Budget* - State took \$20 million from City General Fund. Took \$60 million from Redevelopment Agency. City will have to reopen budget discussions in October. Pete continues to emphasize public safety, core basics, and City infrastructure. When questioned, Meghan said that Pete is in support of the Jazz Festival. Draws 50,000. On Market Street in March. AT&T does some funding.
 - f. *9th Annual Festival in the Park* - Canceled - City and Staff time for this almost \$20,000. The [District 1] Leadership Group wants to organize it for next year.
 - g. *Westside Schools - Health Insurance Sign-Up Day.* Saturday, Sept 12th [10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.]. 5 schools in District 1.
 - h. *Coastal Clean Up Day* - Saturday, September 19th. [9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Saratoga Creek from Prospect Road to Bollinger Road. San Tomas Aquino Creek from Williams Road to Hamilton Avenue. There will be two cleanup sites in District 1. Interested residents can sign up to help by contacting Chris Peck at: cpeck@rei.com. See also www.cleanacreek.org.]
 - i. *Retiree Outreach Meeting* - August 26th and 27th.
Joe suggested that the pension discussion and budget could be a galvanizing event for the LNA. Discussion followed about pension benefits, board, how our money is being used; how City Council relates to this, and the importance of public engagement.
 - j. *Questions* - Call Meghan if questions. [meghan.revolinsky@sanjoseca.gov; 535-4901

3. *Monthly Treasurer's Report - Joseph Gallegos*

■ *Report on Collection of Dues*

National Night Out [NNO] - Had \$300 for National Night Out (NNO) category from Community Action and Pride Grant (CAP). Used money money doesn't add to \$300, so the money not used will be held for a mid-year adjustment. If not we will lose that money. The event insurance will be \$100 or \$110 will be billed to us later. The residual money could be used for other things like Dumpster Day.

We have \$2,191 and have no debt except paying for the Liability Insurance for NNO. Receive \$20 tonight from a family to pay dues. \$185 still due from the State of California. He had to start again on the process of retrieving this. We have 25 or so dues members. Joe said that the number that sign up and pay = relevancy of our association to them. list. When we pay our yearly membership to the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County (UNSCC) it is an umbrella for insurance to cover all our regular LNA meetings.

4. *President's Announcements - President Mary Ann West.*

Thank you for a great NNO. She heard that everyone was pleased. We had about 65 persons. Lisa Burns donated all the ice cream and other items. Sent thank you note with gift from yogurt shot [Green Cup Yogurt]. Bills were given to Joe, and most hours turned in for CAP Grant. Need any other hours now.

Neighborhood Business:

1. *Dumpster Day* - Mary Ann said that we are looking at a man, Ernie, to do this where 1 dumpster would hold the equivalent of the content of 3 large dumpsters. But he has quoted no price and this worries her a little bit. The event is tentatively set for November 7, 2009. He has worked through the Church of the Chimes in this area. Secretary Debbie Morrison suggested that we get bids from other companies. Steve from Earth Care [through whom we did our March Recycling Day] told us that he did a marvelous job and recommended him. Mary Ann hoped that he would come tonight as he had indicated. He is licensed. Sue McMillin suggested that we go in the Internet and check out his license number. The dumpster cost between \$466 and \$512 last year per dumpster. We have allotted \$1,146 for 2 dumpsters including insurance. We could also use non-CAP money. Last year, had 3 dumpsters which were filled up by 11:00 a.m. We used the City dumpsters and they picked it up and it is cheaper if don't have to sort metals. We don't want the materials sent to China and dumped. We have no choice with new guy. Clark Leakins said that last year he helped dismantle a washer, dryer, and BBQ. Mary Ann said that she will talk to the man more.

Joe suggested to vacate discussion at this point until we had more information.

Joe and Clark will be a committee to check this out. We had 75 persons before that turned in tickets. Mary Ann will call Steve. Debbie suggested that we get comparisons and see what the usual rate is. Mary Ann said that we could put the questions out on Yahoo Groups about who persons used and costs. We used Green Waste or Green Team before. Joe said that it was hard to believe that this company would not try to court our business. He continued that the efficient dumpster might not be good because this was a time to take the time to meet neighbors and sort items. Meghan Revolinsky said that some neighborhood associations partnered with the Salvation Army, like the Blackford

Neighborhood Action Coalition (BNAC) where they could keep useful things. Meghan has the phone number. Joe proposed a sub-committee to get the number from Meghan and possible go with this idea. Brad Foster said if there were enough metals we could sort metals and the money would go back to the association. Joe said that we could have another bin for metals. Brad and Clark mentioned American Metals, Inc. in Santa Clara. Clark said that he sees advertisements in the back of the Penny Saver of persons who have a u-haul and would take in. Clark will call.

Brad would sort things at the site. Joe thought Debbie had a good point earlier that Dumpster Days may have hit a saturation point? City had one awhile back in our area and also Bethel Church. Debbie said we could have a regular and metal dumpster. A couple of possible metal receiving companies were mentioned.

2. Nominating Committee -

[The Board is in the process of selecting a Nominating Committee.]

Mary Ann said that [most] members have been on the board past 2 years. Mary Ann is staying on to help. She will be the Ex Officio Board Member [Ex Board member staying per the By-laws]. She will also be doing the flyers so the new President will not have to do this. We still need persons to distribute flyers. Those volunteering for the Nominating Committee are Dolores Mayes, Joe, and Mary Ann. [Mary Ann realized later in the meeting that she could not possible do this because she will be on the Board next year.]

Joe took a moment to talk about the need for a galvanizing event to keep neighborhood groups going. In lack of this kind of event, ethic of community service replaces it.

Community service is frustrating and requiring time, but also rewarding

Joe will help the new Treasurer, but he feels that person will need to know Excel and minimum email.

LNA [revived] has been here for a good 2 years. Now we have leadership; history; momentum; and money.

Dolores mentioned that in the By-laws we lose too many board members at once.

Mary Ann said that it would be easier to stagger them. The new board could [lead in the] change [of] the By-laws.

Agreeing with Dolores, Joe said that we need a succession plan. forward.

After being asked by Dolores, Joe said that he would be there to help the new Treasurer and especially with the CAP Grant. Joe said that the CAP grant already has legs through this year. The focal point is the CAP.

The slate of officers is presented in October.

Chuck Mayes read aloud the pertinent By-law section as follows:

Article VI: Election of Officers - Section 1: Nomination -

“A nominating committee of three members in good standing ---excluding elected officers---shall be selected by the Executive Board to propose, at the October meeting, a slate of candidates for all elective offices. This slate shall be distributed prior to the November meeting.”

Chuck suggested that we could, by a vote tonight, make an exception to the above By-law section, and Joe could be appointed by the Board (with Joe recusing himself in that selection) to the Nominating Committee, since he was not running for any Board position

next year.

Natalie Helling said that she would assist on the Nominating Committee, as much as her scheduled allowed.

Joe said that you don't have to be seasoned. Vice President Ivan Helling said that this is a good way to start getting involved. Debbie said that it really just takes someone who is interested.

Mary Ann and Joe announced that we already have someone who is interested in being nominated for Treasurer.

So, Natalie, Dolores, and Joe are willing to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Clark said that it is helpful to have someone who is currently in office.

Chuck made a motion to make an exception to the By-laws - Section 1, as stated above, to let the Board appoint Joe, who is not running for the Board next year, to the Nominating Committee. Opportunity was given for discussion.

Clark Seconded the motion.

Motion was passed Unanimously.

So, the Board has appointed Natalie, Dolores, and Joe to be the Nominating Committee.

Natalie suggested that others could help because she would be gone part of the time.

Debbie could help. Natalie stated that she thought that the Nominating Committee members, being from different parts of the neighborhood, was good.

Discussion continued about getting current spreadsheet information to Nominating Committee members; one person was mentioned as another candidate for treasurer or perhaps some other job; might get persons who are not part of the current LNA; and that jobs might be broken up.

Joe asked if people on Nominating Committee were excluded from being nominated.

Chuck said that he could see nothing in the By-laws to prohibit this.

3. Pumpkin Walk (Bake Sale) and Silent Action Fundraisers - Lynhaven PTA - Julie Constant, the Lyn haven PTA Vice President and Pumpkin Walk Chair, has asked for our help with the Pumpkin Walk (Bake Sale) and Silent Actions events. This is the same school where the LNA helped in June with the end of the year BBQ. [They also helped us with the E-Waste event last March.]

The Pumpkin Walk is on October 24, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; and the Silent Action is on November 6, 2009, in the evening at a restaurant

Joe commented that this is good that we're helping them and they are helping us.

He said that in any area it is good when the centers of the community - the Church, School, and Community Groups help each other.

The school has 575 students with around a 40 year reputation for the Pumpkin Walk.

200 - 300 attend the Pumpkin Walk. Wayne Haraguchi, well know local realtor, went to Lynhaven Elementary.

[Lynhaven is a Title 1 school, and for the 2008-2009 school year - last December 2008 classes ran out of paper and pencils so need to raise funds.]

We will help with the Pumpkin Walk by allowing them to put their flyer content on the back of our September Agenda. Also they are asking for volunteers and baked goods.

We will help with the Silent Auction by allowing them to put their flyer content on the back of our October Agenda. They are asking for donations to auction as crocheted items, [etc.].

They are willing to have their back of flyer printed at the school. Also, PTA members will cover areas that we need help with in Agenda distribution for those two months. Mary Ann will be contacting Julie. Debbie plans to send a soft copy, received from Julie, of the PTA flyers with our emailings.

Neighbor Communications:

a. *Curb Chopped Up and Replaced?* Sue asked about this. City says homeowner must do. In past, the City gave a reimbursement. Valley Concrete was suggested as a good one. Check with landlord first. City, itself, may have damaged it.

Joe mentioned that trash pickup itself was a problem because some streets not big enough for all the vehicles, but all pay taxes, while some don't get benefit.

b. *International Christian Center Property - Park* - What happened to this? Nothing happening now. Dolores said that she didn't think anything would happen because of the economy.

c. *Winchester Blvd. Master Plan* - [Plan has been completed.] Discussed briefly.

d. *880/280 Freeway Exchange Proposal* - Joe said that it's way out there in time, but we need to behave today looking towards what happens tomorrow.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Next Neighborhood Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2009
(3rd Thursday of every month.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Mayes
Minute Taker
Lynhaven Neighborhood Association