

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES  
MEETING OF September 17, 2009

**6:30 p.m.** - Networking Social - Refreshments: Compliments of **Lynhaven Neighbors**: Clark Leakins and Natalie Heling.

President Mary Ann West called the **meeting to order** at 7:00 p.m.

Present: President Mary Ann West; Vice President Ivan Heling; and Secretary Deborah Morrison.

Absent: Treasurer Joseph Gallegos.

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

**\*\*\*\*\*Guest Speaker\*\*\*\*\***

RACES Radio Communication  
LNA Vice President Ivan Heling

1. RACES is **Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services** - a group of volunteer civilian Ham Radio Operators which was started by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in 1952 to help local and state governments as secondary communications. Hams are at many City services and governmental locations. Hams can get through when others can't.
2. Now small radios. Work in the UHF and VHF radio spectrum. Small - rechargeable battery operated line-of-site units using repeaters. Help with emergencies.
3. Resources - Digital mail like email. TV and GPS.
4. How Operate? - Highly trained volunteers using their own ready-to-go gear. Have practice times and help public events. 9 Hams in our area. Take care of families and area first, then to other places.
5. Licenses - No Morse Code required now, but can do. Three levels as follows:
  - a. Technician - Not hard, mostly rules.
  - b. General - Hard - for around the world.
  - c. Extra - "Out of sight to pass."A lot of persons are into Ham because of Emergency Response.
6. Cost - Take test and course/book - \$40 - 45. Small unit - \$150. General license - bigger rig - more powerful - over \$200. Can get used equipment. Emergency Preparedness goal in our neighborhood - 5 -7 Hams - would pick a unique frequency. Meeting of LNA Emergency Preparedness group on November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. here at International Christian Center. Goals: Level 1 - Water heaters, etc. Level 2 - Damage assessment, first aid. One Emergency Preparedness block captain recruited. Hopes small group around person will become cohesive. Madonna Drive - a Prototype. Use persons in area who have medical skills, etc. Clark knows construction guys on Cypress - good for search and rescue.
7. Emergency Preparedness Training - 2 Hour - Nov. 17th - West San Jose Community Center (WSJCC). Next one - May 11, 2010.

### **Neighborhood Reports:**

1. Approve August 2009 Minutes. Motion to Approve Minutes - Secretary Deborah Morrison.. Motion seconded - Vice President Ivan Heling. Minutes Unanimously Approved.

2. Council District 1 Announcements - Meghan Revolinsky. [Rhovy Cansino, Council Aide, substituted for Meghan tonight.] Rhovy presented flyers from Pete's Office as follows:

a. *The 1201* - Skate Park, etc. - Bethel Church - Free - Grades 6 - 9 - August 21th; Sept. 28th; and Oct. 16th - 6 -9 p.m. - [www.epicenterministries.org](http://www.epicenterministries.org)

b. *Envisioning Public Art in District 1* - City of San Jose's Public Art Master Plan, etc. - Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7 - 8:30 p.m. - West Valley Library - Community Room - Email - [publicart@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:publicart@sanjoseca.gov) or [district1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district1@sanjoseca.gov).

c. *2nd Annual Disability Awareness Day* - Office of Therapeutic Services - October 8th - Thursday, City Hall Rotunda & Plaza - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Free workshops begin at 8:30 a.m. - [www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com](http://www.DAD.sjdistrict1.com)

d. *12th Annual Walk to End Domestic Violence* - Friday, October 2nd - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Featured Speaker - Robin Givens - Actress and Author - [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov)

e. National Pollution Prevention Week Resource Fair - Wednesday, September 23rd - Century 21 Parking Lot - 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. - Bring expired medications, receive a free digital thermometer in exchange for a glass mercury one, etc. - [www.sanjoseca.gov/esd](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/esd)

f. *Bringing City Hall To You* - Councilmember Pete Constant - District 1 Monthly Office Hours - 1st Wednesday of every month - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. - West Valley Library; 3rd Thursday of every month - 10 - 11:30 a.m. - Cypress Senior Center - Email - [District1@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:District1@sanjoseca.gov) or visit [www.sjdistrict1.com](http://www.sjdistrict1.com)

3. Monthly Treasurer's Report - Joseph Gallegos.

■ CAP Grant Award

■ Report on Collection of Dues

Treasurer Joe Gallegos was absent.

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

a. *Dumpster Day* - Ernie will not be ready. Mary Ann contacted the following:

1) \$99 Debris Box - used last time - \$550 per dumpster - 40 cubic yards.

2) [Environmental Management Systems] EMS - \$500 per dumpster - 40 cubic yards.

We can only afford 2 dumpster on Community Action and Pride (CAP) Grant which is allocated money. We could ask the Salvation Army to be present to pick and choose what they want to receive. The Salvation Army uses more and even sends what they can't use overseas to be put to good use.

We had 3 dumpsters last time, but had \$1,500 from Winchester Neighborhood Action Coalition (WNAC). We have allocated \$1,146 for this year [including insurance].

Natalie Heling questioned what proportion of our budget it would be.

Chuck Mayes read from last month's Treasurer's Report, "We have \$2,191 and have no debt except paying for the Liability Insurance for [National Night Out] NNO."

Dolores Mayes asked about taking metal out and taking it to a metal recycling place.

Discussion - could do this, but charge for this, and could go in the hole.

We could look into this another time since we barely have Dumpster Day money.

Meet at Rosedale and Onyx at 6:00 a.m. on Nov. 7th, Saturday.

Clark Leakins will put out barriers, and special colored papers will be used with name and address. Flyer will say what company cannot take. Debbie will have these printed.

Clark said that we can tell persons coming that if they join the LNA, they will be able to get a Dumpster Day every year. [We will have money to provide this.]

Tell persons to be early - the dumpsters fill up fast.

Dumpster Day volunteer sign-up sheet sent around.

b. *Group Home* - Betty Wieske could not be here tonight, but expressed concern about a group home that will be on Lynn Oaks in the future. Betty had called Councilmember Pete Constant and had been sent a response letter from Jim Cogan, Pete's Chief of Staff, which Mary Ann read aloud. Mary Ann said that the Jim's response didn't say much. History - there was a house that was recently sold on Lynn Oaks and now a large house right beside it is to become a group home. There may be six bedrooms for the residents and one bedroom for the sponsor. An attorney used to live there. We don't know who will be living there or if the house has been rented, sold, or given to the group.

If attorney still owns the home, attorney would be paying the taxes.

Jim's letter revealed that up to 6 residents are allowed by right. More than 6 residents would require a permit. Jim went on to say that this was reasonable to the City. The permit that might be needed was over land use and not operation of the house.

There is no permit on file, but 6 or less is OK.

The home has been worked on. Any physical changes would require a permit. Clark said that they are probably bringing it up to Code.

There is a small house in the back. Does it need a permit? Clark said that he has seen it and it has no refrigerator or stove. It's like a closet. This land backups to the International Christian Center (ICC) property.

Jim continued in his letter that he is happy to assist neighborhood groups.

Betty feels that we should contact Pete to change rules for the City that any sized group should have a required permit. Betty couldn't find out what type of group it would be.

Mary Ann brought up the point that we must also be concerned about visitors to the house.

For our next meeting, we will invite Jim to speak to us and explain what is going on. Mary Ann asked Debbie to arrange for this.

Mary Ann asked the group how they felt about permits for group homes [no matter how many lived there].

Clark suggested possible roll-bys by the police to monitor possible situations.

### **Neighborhood Communications:**

1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Survey - Chuck and Dolores mentioned the CDGB Survey. This survey for grants can help by persons giving their opinions about how Federal money should be spent in Santa Clara County. It was presented by Marta Dominquez, City Manager's Office - Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI) at the WNAC meeting last night. There are also Non-Capital Projects, related to Community Services.

To get more participation, Chuck will email a revised cover email with attachments - the flyer and survey - to Debbie to sent out to all on LNA email list. Final set of meetings at Sunnyvale City Hall on September 23rd. The deadline for the survey back to Marta is September 30th.

2. Parked Cars by Lynhaven School - Janie O'Hara expressed problem when she drives from Moorpark to Cypress to Lynn Oaks to Madonna, about cars waiting to pick up children from Lynhaven School blocking the street even part of Linden Oaks. Not even parking by the curb, but blocking the street. On a clear day, not as bad; but worse on a rainy day. blocked badly. Jamie doesn't want anyone to get hurt.

Debbie suggested that we need to organize a Traffic Committee. Clark said that in Eden area there are locations with counters.

There is no parking [for parents] at school.

Debbie commented about the history of Margate problems - a narrow street - but, at least, Cypress is wide.

Clark still has the City Traffic Packet. [Clark is the leader of the former Traffic Committee.] He said that sometimes groups ask the City for something, and then also donate the money to make it happen.

There is a new principal at Lynhaven School. We need to try to get her on our side.

We can tell her about what's happening.

Rhovy Antonio mentioned Traffic Calming.

Debbie said that we need a subcommittee.

Debbie reviewed the history of the work that the original LNA did with the school about the traffic in the Day Care area, and how the school was unresponsive at that time.

Debbie said that the school is not a neighborhood school because many are bussed sp. in Rhovy said that Pete has meetings with school principals, and she'll ask him to bring this up. There was alleviation of a similar problem at another school.

3. Plastic Bags - Mary Ann said at the District 1 Leadership Meeting there were pros and cons. She revealed that one of the most surprising things from the meeting is that you are not to put plastic bags into the blue [recyclable] garbage can.

This could cause problems - that things in the blue container end up everywhere. They are not recycled.

Chuck stated that this also surprised him because he had a tour with his son of a recycling facility, and they were just buying special machinery to blow the bags up in the air to separate them.

The Salvation Army collects plastic bags.

Rhovy said that if you feel strongly, one way or another, come the City Council Meeting on Sept. 22nd at San Jose City Hall. It starts at 1:30 p.m. and you have 2 minutes to speak.

You can also send messages to Pete; Mayor Chuck Read, and City Councilmembers. Information can be obtained online and watching the City Council on [Comcast] Channel 26.

There is a \$0.20 - \$0.25 option.

San Francisco and Palo Alto cities have also approved a partial ban.

Rhovy said that the City Council will discuss strategies on how they will proceed going up to next year.

Clark suggested to get credit if trade off bags or boxes.

In Europe sacks or bandannas are used.

4. Pumpkin Walk / Bake Sale - Chuck noted that volunteers are needed, and also to make bake goods for the Lynhaven School Pumpkin Walk on Oct. 24th.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.**

Next Neighborhood Meeting - 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 15, 2009  
( 3rd Thursday of every month.)

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Mayes  
Minute Taker  
Lynhaven Neighborhood Association