

LYNHAVEN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
MEETING OF October 15, 2009

6:30 p.m. - Networking Social - Refreshments: Compliments of Lynhaven Neighbors:
Chris Huber
Secretary Deborah Morrison called the **meeting to order** at 7:02 p.m.
Present: Treasurer Joseph Gallegos and Secretary Deborah Morrison.
Absent: President Mary Ann West and Vice President Ivan Heling.
Secretary Morrison **confirmed a Quorum**. There were 21 members present.

*******Guest Speaker*******

Jim Cogen - Chief of Staff District 1
Topic: Group Home on Lynn Oaks

1. Rental Home for Disabled Persons.
2. Also present was April Maimon. She and her husband are renting this home. They also have their own children living with them.
3. The City has group homes throughout the City. Some drug and alcohol home present a big concern from neighbors. There is a range in residential operations. In District 2 have good operators. There are a number of juvenile offender homes where it is a treat to be in that situation [rather than Juvenile Hall, etc.].
4. In this case, it is a care facility for disabled adults.
5. April - wants to do well.
6. Tim is the property owner. Discussion of history of house.
7. These homes are allowed by State law by right. City would not go against this because 6 clients or less.
8. April - Clients are home all day. [Except when working - see below.]
9. Questions and Answers:
 - a. If persons take in orphans, City can't define family - maybe something with Country or Child Protective Services (CPS).
 - b. If renovation, City gets involved.
 - c. April - Raised in one of these houses because mother ran them. Has been 22 years in East San Jose / Berryessa area. 4 clients now and hoping to get 2 more. All in HOPE workshops. Want to be accepted. April interviews all. Level 2 - Developmentally Disabled. Pretty high functioning. They didn't ask to be this way. They go for walks in pairs or more - escorted or unescorted. Rent home and hope to buy in future. License approval in 1 - 1 1/2 months. House has 8 bedrooms. Van picks up for work. Most go home on weekend. She doesn't want us to fear anything.
 - d. Betty Wieske - Lives on Lynn Oaks Drive and has no objection. But personal objection because, if asked, this would reduce proper values. Also, next door the house was sold for \$800,00 and they have children.
 - e. Jim reemphasized that the City had no choice because of State laws. This type of home is in the best case scenario. 6 clients is on the edge of legality.
 - f. Jim - some group homes are put in more industrialized areas.
 - g. Group homes [6 or lower in clients] are not obligated to tell the City that they exist.

- h. Some LNA members spoke up for the Developmentally Disabled type population.
- i. Secretary Deborah Morrison thanked April for coming and asked that she join the LNA.

Neighborhood Reports:

1. Approve September 2009 Minutes. Motion to Approve Minutes - Dolores Mayes. Motion seconded - Clark Leakins. Minutes Unanimously Approved.
2. Council District 1 Announcements - Meghan Revolinsky.
 - a. *Emergency Preparation* is a popular topic with group and especially with the earthquakes happening. Free 2 Hour Training at the West San Jose Community Center (WSJCC) - Nov. 17th - 6-8 p.m. [Also May 11, 2010 - 6-8 p.m. - WSJCC] by the Office of Emergency Services [Subject to change - Visit www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyservices for latest information.]
 - b. *Councilmember Constant's Neighborhood Office Hours* - This is a chance to talk to Pete one-on-one. You voted for him and he represents us. [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 or visit www.sjdistrict1.com]
 - c. *Plastic Bags* - Plastic Bag Ban did pass starting in 2011. Ban/Fee on all paper and plastic and plastic bags. If questions let Pete know.
Discussion on plastic bags. Meghan answered that Pete did not soften his position on being against the plastic bag ban. But he will follow whatever the policy becomes. There is a tax on bags which will take \$650,000 to implement. Joe Gallegos said that it would take more not to implement. Meghan replied that this is a controversial issue. Meghan said that there would be a \$0.25 charge per bag. Pete wants to educate for recycling to cause changes in behavior. Pete thinks that it is a good ordinance, but bad timing. (Doesn't focus on bags in which newspapers come or plastic on meat.) Looks like focusing on major retailers. You can now take clean plastic bags to grocery store to recycle. Brad - Marked on plastic bags that they are for recycling. Meghan - not exact wording. Ban bags - will do environmental impact study. Will ban and tax on or other combination. Fee - \$0.25 to State and \$0.25 to - Meghan not sure.
Pete says that this is a tax and not cost recovery. Brad Foster - State income source. Meghan - our Mayor wants not just City, but County to be a partner in this. In San Francisco, Mayor got recalled because of this. Pete will listen to both sides. Meghan - plastic is film and this gets clogged in mechanics in recycling places and becomes dirty. Joe - grocery stores bundle to recycler. Takes thousands of years to decay. Meghan - it's the chemical that doesn't degrade. Betty - idea of Safeway - spend \$50 and receive cloth bags.
Meghan - discount if give cloth bags. Dolores Mayes asked if it is OK to use plastic bags again. This is OK. Betty - Safeway gives \$0.02 for every bag brought back.
 - d. *Updates on Issues* - Subscribe to Pete's monthly newsletter including updates on plastic bags. [<http://www.sjdistrict1.com/newsletter/index.html>]
 - e. *City Budget* - State took \$20 million from City General Fund. (City budget had been passed in July.) Took \$60 million from Redevelopment Agency (RDA). Quarter of RDA staff laid off meaning that 25 regular employees (persons, not positions) lost their jobs with some being there 15 years.

3. Monthly Treasurer's Report - Joseph Gallegos CAP Grant Spending, Dues).

Have \$2100. Working on getting back \$180 from the State. One reimbursement of \$80 - \$90 for National Night Out (NNO). Running under budget. Dumpster Day - \$1,110 total [with \$110 for Liability Insurance] with minor expenses because most money from Community Action and Pride Grant (CAP) and will need mid-[fiscal] year tweak. If have any CAP money at end of [fiscal] year must give back. Projects under budget - \$1,600 money received and \$600 money noted. Clark Leakins gave his dues more at \$200! We have enough money for a modest budget. CAP grant may not be around next year. Categorical money cannot spill over. Other money can.

4. Committee Reports.

- a. *LERT (Lynhaven Emergency Response Team)*. No report. [Chair, Ivan Heling, not present.]
- b. *Beautification - Daffodil planting* - Group decided that planting will be on Sunday afternoon Nov. 15th at "The Corner" of San Tomas and Moorpark. An email will be sent out. More will be planted in a different area and those planted before will be coming up. Susan Rojas, from Lynhaven PTA, said that the Cub Scout Troop meeting on Lynn Oaks may be able to do maintenance, which we need. Chris Huber has and will help with this.
- c. *Dumpster Day* - Saturday, Nov. 7th. Flyers went out. Still need volunteers. Passed around paper again for helpers. Can ask for volunteers by emailing or calling. Salvation Army vehicle first and then two 40 cubic foot dumpsters. Only place is in our LNA boundaries. Time 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm. (Clark - really starts at 7:00 a.m. Last year they filled up by 10:30 p.m.) Clark - When person comes to dumpster we will ask them to become a paid member and tell them if they want to continue to see these dumpster days, become a paid member. Volunteers bring gloves and tools. Can bring e-waste for Salvation Army.
- d. *Lynhaven Elementary School Pumpkin Walk - October 24th and Silent Auction - Nov. 6th*. PTA members, Susan Rojas and Jodi Hugill presented information about the 39th Annual Pumpkin Walk and also the Silent Action. They recognized those LNA members who helped with the end of year BBQ last June. The Pumpkin Walk is opened to the whole community. The Fire Department will be there and also Police Department will doing fingerprinting. Need donations of baked good and help in the craft area, etc. Green Cup Yogurt and Taco Bravo will have booths and of course, the Pumpkin Walk itself. Silent Action - November 6th at Three Flames Restaurant like an adult prom. Tickets are \$25 each. Auction will include hotel stays, helicopter rides, etc.

5. Traffic in Neighborhoods - Possible Revival of Traffic Committee. Secretary Deborah Morrison. Things to do. Identify problem areas. Specific times and where. With school starting, every year must educate parents. Need better signs and crosswalks. Many streets involved - behind school and close to school. Meghan - the more specific the information the best for enforcement. Is it stop signs? Is it driveways? This determines if it would be under the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) or Traffic Enforcement. under the Department of Transportation (D.O.T.) or Traffic Enforcement. Jaywalking problem. Work with Pete, School, and educate parents. People need common

sense.

One year ago, LNA had a Traffic Committee. Follow up study on Eden. Joe - don't need to start fresh. Debbie - need official traffic committee. Many years ago, when Pete was President of LNA got some results at Lynhaven Elementary with a larger parking lot. Clark still has the Traffic Calming Packet from the City. Debbie will send email out to ask Community for specific problems. Debbie will then summarize them all and give it to Meghan. Joe - any start is a good start. Debbie plans to make a motion to start a Traffic Committee, but not tonight.

Roger Johnson - get persons who live close to the school to have an impact. Debbie - if we have a Committee we will contact these persons. Jodi - Ask for a show of interest. People who have had an interest in this for many years will pick up on this.

Debbie - Solar powered speed reminders.. Jodi - problem - this is school hours only. 30 mph, and 25 mph when children are present.

Neighborhood Communications:

1. Reported vehicles thefts/vandalism on Widget Dr. - Chris Huber reported that neighbors were affected as well as others. Person didn't lock door and car was vandalized. Car was found in Stockton.

Meghan - crimes in every neighborhood association on rise - persons not locking doors. Put together a Neighborhood Watch Program. Be aware where neighbors are, short of using video. Brad - hide remote control of garage door because persons can steal and open garage.

2. Trimnings on Wrong Streets. Sue McMillin. Mentioned about finding debris taken from another area and dumped on her street to coincide with that areas' garbage day. Brad - ordinance of putting out garbage only 24 hours before pickup. Meghan - will be fined, if someone complains. Clark - neighbor had to pay \$500 fine. Some dump where there is an area with no address as on Nazarene Way. Joe - should be thankful for what we do have because many districts don't have curbside pickup. Clark - also problem about putting debris in Red Zones.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Chuck Mayes
Minute Taker
Lynhaven Neighborhood Association