

La Loma Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting – March 5, 2008
Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting being called to order, and informal meet and greet with City Councilman Lopez was held 7 – 7:30 pm.

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Michael Moradian, Jr. at 7:33 pm.

MEMBERS IN ATTENANCE

Michael Moradian, Edgar Garcia, Kathy Moradian, Jerry Frad, Jerri Matoza, Andy Fiskum, Brenda McDonald, Dane Anderson, Jo Ann Cowdrey, Gery Chounet, Joe Muratore and Sandra Muratore.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Eleven (11) official Board Members (Joe & Sandra Muratore are non-voting members, per LLNA By-laws)

Per Mike Moradian, Abe Trujillo has not responded to any attempts to confirm his interest in becoming a LLNA Board Member.

Mike also reiterated that the LLNA Board is an “active” board, and it is extremely important that you communicate your intended absence prior to Board meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Monthly LLNA Board Meetings** – the Board will hold monthly meetings March – November, kicking off each year with a February “social” to get reacquainted with each other.
- **Monthly Neighborhood Watch Meetings** – will adhere to the same schedule as the LLNA Board meetings

FINANCIAL REPORT – none given

BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Beautification** – Jerry Frad, Chairperson

Monthly clean-up projects have continued.

Monthly Nature Walk with Lillian Vallee, MJC Instructor & naturalist – meets 1st Saturday each month, 10 – 11 am at Kewin Park.

- **Neighborhood Watch** – Dane Anderson, Chairperson

Monthly meetings are now co-sponsored by the Modesto Police Department, in response to other neighborhoods trying to emulate what the LLNA is doing. We expect to provide a lot of leadership to the community.

Don't want to lose sight of the our neighborhood in the process though. Meetings may still focus the last thirty minutes on the LLNA, with the remainder of the meeting focusing on Neighborhood Watch education.

Remember: Neighborhood Watch is the FOUNDATION of our group!

Next Neighborhood Watch Meeting – March 19, 2008, 7 – 8:00 pm at Modesto Police Dept. Focus – Beat Health (LLNA is Beat #42)

- **LLNA Security Plan** – Michael Moradian

Over halfway to our goal of 800. Looking into getting more residents at a reduced rate. Important to update security issues in monthly LLNA Newsletter. LLNA currently has 520 names in the database; 260 have e-mail accounts. Looking for volunteers to make “soft sales” calls to get people to sign up for the security

patrol. Suggestion by Joe Muratore to send the newsletter via e-mail as well. Neighborhood Watch is a great avenue to sign people up for the security patrol.

AI's Alarm is donating weekend and evening security patrol at this point.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Christmas Street Faire** – it was agreed upon that this event needs to be supported by the LLNA Board, via LLNA newsletter. Last year's 1st Annual Christmas Street Faire had 15-20 vendors.

NEW BUSINESS

- LLNA May Meeting – May 8, 2008 (tentatively scheduled)
- National Night Out – August 5, 2008. Need to support; have at least one party per neighborhood. Suggestion made to send out a map of all the Neighborhood Watch parties for National Night Out.
- Annual LLNA Board Meeting – October 2, 2008 (tentatively scheduled)

CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Moran Estates Park** – Playground Build Day is Saturday, March 29, 2008! Special thanks to Andy and Betty Fiskum for pushing this project through. California Volunteers is donating \$50,000; City of Modesto donating \$10,000, in addition to the necessary renovations to ensure handicap access. Scenic Nursery donating plants for edible garden. Kaboom and Playworld are teaming together, along with the LLNA, City of Modesto and California Volunteers. 300+ people needed to make this project work. Must be 14 years of age to work on construction site. Moran Estates Park is one of 10 parks being erected on March 29, 2008, in honor of Cesar Chavez.

Playground Build Day Committee Chairs:

Registration – Andy Fiskum
Public Relations – Edgar Garcia (Joe Muratore to assist with media)
Food – Maggie Middleton
LLNA T-shirt sales – Jerry Frad

FUTURE PROJECTS

- **La Loma Junior High School sport fields** – restoration
- **N. Morton Avenue** – planting
- **Encina corridor** – projected to take awhile
- **Movie In a Park** – suggested by Rick & Claudine Grey (family movies in the park each month during summer (June / July / August); Kewin Park. Motion made to approve by Kathy Moradian; 2nd by Jerry Frad.
- **Best Decorated Home ... Halloween, Christmas** – Motion to judge decorations and award with small gifts made by Edgar Garcia; 2nd by Andy Fiskum.

Next Board meeting – Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 7:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda McDonald, Secretary