

**Neighborhood Group Leaders Association  
January 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.  
Longmont Senior Center**

Meeting was called to order by Sue Bridgeman at 7:10  
Meeting agenda for January: motioned & approved  
Meeting minutes for December: motioned & approved

**Police Updates:**

Cmdr. Tim Perkins of the Longmont Police Department gave an update on crime issues in the city and answered questions from the group.

- Dec 2009 compared to Dec 2008 – Crime down 26% overall in most categories except assaults were up 160% and car thefts up. Recently there has been high number of unlocked Hondas and Acuras stolen in the North and East sides of town. Cars found stripped and abandoned. Thefts are being done by a national ring that is currently focused on the Denver Metro area. Please lock your cars at all time.
- Beat 11 – Sunset area – A string of daytime burglaries. Homes were unlocked. Please lock your home at all times.
- Four new officers graduated in December. Currently they are taking the field training program.
- Officers started working the Parks beat in January with their electric bikes. They will work during park hours - after hours, the parks will be covered by the regular beat officers.
- “Crime Free Multi-housing” rental property program – The City and police department are giving owners and managers assistance with leases and problem renters (crime issues).
- Shredding event – To prevent identity theft, please take advantage of the program and shred any items that contain your name and personal information.
- No contract yet on the automatic camera ticketing machines. Under consideration and review by the Police department and City Council.
- The city has 2 canine officers – the dogs work every day of the week and live with the Officers.
- 17<sup>th</sup> and Main has the highest rate of accidents in the city and at times has been included on the list of the highest accident rates in the state.
- Gang activity and graffiti has experienced a recent increase in Southmoor park area.
- A list of 2010 beat officers will be brought to next months’ meeting but can also be obtained online or from the police station. <http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/police/department/beatmap.htm>
- Volunteers always needed for an array of duties within the police department. Please contact the Kay Armstrong, the Community Service Program Coordinator at 303 - 774 - 4440.

**NGLA Brainstorming meeting topics for 2010:**

Linda Kopecky lead the discussion.

New NGLA representatives introduced themselves.

Groups broke out to discuss neighborhood issues and brainstorm for meeting topics.

New ideas (blue cards), tried by trued ideas (gold), neighborhood issues (white), community wide ideas (yellow)

Groups then presented their ideas to the room and posted their cards on the sticky-board.

Cards were categorized and then the representatives prioritized the categories.

In 2010 there will be 4-6 meetings outside of NGLA monthly meeting that pertain to HOA specific issues.

A “Topic breakdown group” will take all ideas together and set the meeting agenda for 2010 based on the card ideas that the group have presented. Anyone is welcome to participate in the group but will also consist of the Leadership Group of the NGLA (Sue, Jerry and Jennifer).

**Staff Updates:**

NIPS Grant - \$50,000 available 16 grants applied. The spreadsheet of the requests was presented and explained.

A Review and Ranking committee will be formed – clarifying questions are asked and they strengthen the grant prior to ranking by NGLA representatives. Volunteers to form the committee: Sue Bridgeman (Southmoor Park 1), Jennifer Hakanson (Mill Village), Darcy Louie (The Greens), Don Lewis (Westlake), Carmen Vaughan (Rider Ridge), Helen Ross (Meadowview)

**Public invited to be heard:**

Rick (Bohn Farm) – 150 volunteers needed in October to plant trees along the Greenway and near Izaak Walton Park

Marietta – Spanish Conversation group is held every Friday 2-3pm at Senior Center for those who have some Spanish knowledge but want to work on improving their language skills.

**Adjournment:**

Motioned & approved unanimously at 8:47.

\*\*Minutes recorded and submitted by Jennifer Hakanson, NGLA Secretary

For questions call Jon Clarke, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator at 303-651-9721