

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
June 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:05 p.m. by Jennifer Hakanson

Meeting minutes for June: motioned & approved

Meeting agenda for May: motioned & approved

Police Update

Cmdr. Tim Perkins of the Longmont Police Department gave an update on crime issues in the city

- There were a string of burglaries around 17th Street recently – the criminal was caught
- Business burglaries on the south end of town are the hot issue this month
- Auto thefts are up – there were 18 last month. Half of the victims were owners that left the keys in the car or left the car unlocked
- Gang activity is down
- The city is proceeding with censure of the property on St. Clair
- Reminder that the Graffiti Hotline is 303-774-4327

Staff Updates

- HOA Training will be conducted in early Fall. One topic of interest is “How an HOA is formed within a development”
 - Elizabeth Lenski is the new staff member, replacing Maria Tostado
 - NGLA will not have any July or August meetings. Regular meetings resume in September
 - August 1 will be National Night Out events held in Splanger Park
 - Safeway Party packages are available for neighborhood looking to have an ice cream social type of activity
- Dan Wolford – Manager of Park and Open Space spoke on the changed philosophy of the department brought on by budget cuts and an emphasis on nature

Maintenance of Greenways -

- Greenway corridor will be mowed in the “Urban Interface”
- Natural areas will not be mowed - leaving longer, taller grasses
- Water conservation
- Enhancement of wildlife corridors
- Vegetation enhancement
- Reduce labor costs
- Mowing will be minimally - more seasonal and sporadic based on rainfall

Mosquito Control –

- No spraying until West Nile is reported in the area AND the trap has 100+ mosquitoes
- Public outreach and education will occur – see website for details
- Emphasis on the 4D’s – Dress, Drainage, Dusk and Deet
- Surveillance and monitoring will be conducted by Colorado Mosquito Control. Focused on areas that have a high level of standing water
- Spraying will be Larvacide focused (spraying of mosquito larva) vs. the smaller focus of Adulticiding (spraying of adult mosquitos)

See http://www.ci.longmont.co.us/parks/greenway_maintenance.html for details

Meeting topic

Discussion of Sense of Community – Lead by Linda Kopeck

From the handout presented at the meeting...

Four elements of creating and fostering a greater Sense of Community

- Membership
 - Boundaries, Emotional safety, A sense of belonging and identification, personal investment, and a shared system of symbols and terms
- Influence
 - Influence works both ways: members need to feel that they have some influence in the group and some influence by the group on its members is needed for group cohesion
- Integration and fulfillment of needs
 - Members feel rewarded in some way for their participation. Neighbors helping neighbors
- Shared emotional connection
 - A shared history, future and shared participation (or at least identification with the history).

Influence is talking to each other – An example was presented where afterwards the individuals stated that they found their neighbor to be "...more tolerant and I'm more considerate".

Try to engage neighbors

Plan projects around these elements:

4 Emotional Needs

- Power – decision making, control and influence
- Significance - Role
- Belonging – Being a member not the outsider
- Have Fun – "Meetings don't make a neighborhood" – make connections outside of the business meeting.

Public invited to be heard

Adjournment

Motioned & approved unanimously at 8:30pm.

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

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