

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

Meeting was called to order by Jerry Kreutzer at 7:05  
Meeting agenda for October: motioned & approved  
Meeting minutes for September: motioned and approved

**Police Updates – Commander Tim Perkins**

- Commander Perkins told the group about the crime rates – Rates down in Longmont and nationwide, especially in the area of violent crimes. Crimes in Longmont were down by 7% in comparison to September 2010. Auto thefts were down almost 50% compared to last year. Most of thefts occurred on the east side of Main Street. Half of the thefts were unlocked cars. For home burglaries, over half were in homes with unlocked doors or garages.
- Work is continuing on the shooting range.
- Within the department, the process for work bids happens in November for staff to get assignment for duties (beat assignments).

**Code Enforcement**

Prioritization of calls for service

What violations have the most impact to a community?

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**Process**

In the past, the same level of priority was the assigned to all complaints. Issues were reviewed within 48 hours.

Optimal staffing also can lead to pro-active enforcement and better communication within the community.

Case load of about 3,000 cases per year.

Federally and state mandated violations are a priority over citizen calls (example – pollution of storm drains or ground water).

**Understanding of codes on the books**

1<sup>st</sup> step – notice of code guidelines

Few violators require warning notice before taking punitive action (weed violation).

If issued a code notice but they are unable to make corrections within the timelines, Code Enforcement will work with the resident towards compliance.

If there is no effort to work towards compliance, CE can issue a summons or perform abatement of the violation.

Some violation types not require a notice be send and Code Enforcement can issue a summons (example parking violation).

**Types of Codes**

Health and Safety – Substandard Housing, vacant buildings, hoarding, etc

Environmental – National Pollutant discharge, illegal dumping, etc

Nuisance – Junked vehicle, weeds, graffiti, etc

Zoning – Street Spam on public right of way, noise, parking vehicles on lawn, storage of RV's, outdoor lightening, etc.

Repeat code violators – depends on the type of violation (weeds, 12 inches tall. 10 day notice must be given) a junked car (can give another notice or write a ticket on the stop).

**Questions from group -**

- Prioritization Factors - Call response is seasonal in nature. Call response must be balance with existing case load. Re-inspection deadlines are written into the code.
- Timeline to remove political ad – there no longer is a timeline to remove the signs

- How do code changes happen – staff recommend or citizens
- Trees and branches - 8ft of clearance over a sidewalk and 15ft over a street.
- Reporting a violator – The accused has the right to know their accuser if the case goes to court. Can report the complaint anonymously or you can leave your name and number so they can double check issues and call you with questions if necessary.
- Public record – They reclude the complainant if the violator demands the public record

Polling –

Staff conducted an electronic poll to rank the priorities of issues among NGLA members. Response is anonymous.

### **Center for Resource Conservation**

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Energy efficiency audit of home

Furnaces – If the furnace has a 95% efficient, you can get up to 30% back from Federal incentives. Grants and incentives - Example \$4,000 (\$1,200 fed \$120 xcel \$500 state \$500 city)

Longmont grant of \$500 for – furnaces/boilers, water heaters, refrigerators, insulations/air sealing, low flow toilets, evaporative cooler (must replace A/C)

### **Staff Updates**

Public invited to be heard

Rick – Russian olives along St vrain work done last week along Izaak Walton

Meeting Adjourned 8:55pm

\*\*Minutes recorded and submitted by Jennifer Hakanson, NGLA Secretary. For questions call Jon Clarke, Neighborhood Resources Coordinator at 303-651-9721