

Neighborhood Group Leaders Association  
November 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
Longmont Senior Center

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

**Police Update**

Statistics

Crime for October and November down overall by 26%

Assaults down 38%

Mischief down 26%

Car Thief is up. Reminder that 70% of those crimes were against cars that were unlocked.

North of 17<sup>th</sup> Ave is where majority of home burglaries are currently occurring.

Patrol Division will increase by one beat. Currently there are 14 city beats and 2010 one additional beat will be added to cover city parks by bike or electric bike.

The Crime-free multi-housing project will begin in May to help apartment owners and tenants with problem renters that are committing crimes.

**Meeting topic**

Sarah McCarthy – Director of Neighborhood Resource Center of Colorado

She spent 20 years in State government then moved to historical preservation

Beginning in 1993 she moved into working as a Denver neighborhood activist wanting to increase community capacities.

Website - <http://nrc-neighbor.org/>

Community Building for NRC

- Offers Good Neighboring packets – Ice cream socials and microgrants
- Neighborhood Liaison Forum – Bi-monthly workshops for Front Range government (city and county) staff that work directly with neighborhood issues
- Livable Communities – Building strong communities through different projects such as building around light rail stations or Aging in Community initiatives that support people as they age in home but keep them involved in the community.
- Emergency Preparedness
- Block Grants/Activities to decrease isolation
- Cultural acclimation

The NGLA group was then asked to complete the Sense of Community Index

Social life vs. Social Capital

Trust, shared norms and values of the community

Unfortunately there is little evidence of what works at the neighborhood level

Focus should be on people being NEEDED not NEEDY

Building a support system to buffer against isolation – provide links and social ties

Simple by effective ways suggested by the group:

- Waving, block parties, block “maps”, organizing clean-ups or beautification projects, emergency preparedness info, food always brings people together, invite city staff to neighborhood mtgs, community garden (then a grill party for the veggies grown), survey of units and their pets, children bring a community together, Yahoo sites or Facebook friends.

### **Staff Updates**

Jon Clark –

NIP Grant applications were mailed/emailed last Friday. Also available on the city website

December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be mostly social in nature with food and drink provided. Please consider bringing non-perishable donations for the OUR Center.

### **Public invited to be heard**

Councilwoman Levison – stressed the importance of Boards and Commissions – Open enrollment until Nov 23 and interviews begin Dec 5

Historic Westside neighborhood will have their annual Home and Art Tour on Dec 5. A flier was distributed with the addresses and tickets may be purchased at the door the day of the tour.

Rainbow Ridge (south of Pike, east of Sunset) – entire HOA will be lined with luminaries on Christmas Eve, please come by and drive through the neighborhood.

Boulder Energy Corps – County wide energy audit on a Saturday for 1-2 hours. Must have 20 homes scheduled for a neighborhood wide session

### **Adjournment**

Motioned & approved unanimously at 8:45pm.

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

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