

Longmont Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
January 18, 2007
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting agenda: motioned & approved, with brainstorming session moved to the last item on the agenda
Meeting minutes (11/16/06): motioned & approved

Discussion regarding December meeting — By motion duly made and seconded, the members decided to count themselves as having attended the December 2006 meeting, which was canceled due to adverse weather conditions. The concern was that some member neighborhoods would not otherwise qualify for NIP grants.

Police Updates — Longmont Police Department Commander Paul Zuber reported that 2006 was a good year for law enforcement overall. Overall issues were down 10% from 2005, and quality of life issues were down 28%.

The Department has hired 7 new officers this year, and will be hiring 9 more, by virtue of voter passage of the Safety Tax issue appearing on the ballot last November. The Department held up pretty well during and after the late December snow storms. Bad weather keeps people inside, but the downside was that domestic violence calls increased.

Paul passed out the Department's 'beat list' for 2007. That list is also available on the Department's website.

Staff Update — Jon Clarke reminded all attending to turn in the neighborhood registration sheets. He then discussed the Neighborhood Leadership Program, which will start this Spring if enough people express interest. See the NGLA website for additional information. The website may have a PDF of the Neighborhood Leadership Program brochure.

Jon reported that \$68,000 in NIP Grant proposals had been turned in. His goal is to have all NGLA-approved grants approved by the City Council in April.

New initiatives for 2007 include:

- Creating a Guide to Longmont Neighborhoods.
- Holding regional meetings to let Longmont residents know about resources that are available to them.
- Holding 2 to 4 HOA-specific meetings outside of the NGLA meeting schedule.
- Enhancing neighborhood identity.

Jon requested the NGLA's ongoing feedback for planning purposes.

Tanya Ferencak is now a part-time Neighborhood Resources Specialist for the City. She reported that she loves Longmont's focus on neighborhoods and that her focus for this year will include:

- *Publishing a newsletter for mail and/or email distribution:* We can copy and paste portions of that newsletter into our own newsletters. The first issue of the newsletter will be published in March. Tanya asked the group for topic suggestions, and mentioned that the City has funding to print neighborhood newsletters as well. Translation to Spanish will require an additional two days.
- *Publishing a Guide to Neighborhoods:* Tanya is asking each neighborhood to submit a report for inclusion, including lore and history, by the end of April. Information to be published in the guide should be fun and informative.

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New Business

By motion duly made and seconded, the members decided to disallow any NIP Grant applications that weren't turned in by the January 12th deadline. During discussion, it was pointed out that the grant application paperwork was distributed my mail in early December, allowing more than adequate time for its completion.

Frank Griffin moved that the NGLA hold no meetings during the months of July and August, 2007. The motion was seconded.

Fred Esposito moved an amendment to Frank's motion providing that the NGLA *would* hold meetings during those months, but that the meetings would not count toward the guideline attendance requirements specified by City Council in 1999. The motion was seconded and, after lengthy discussion, defeated.

The main motion carried.

The members then broke into groups and brainstormed meeting topics for the balance of 2007. Returning to general session, the members discussed how to group the topic suggestions, since several of them overlapped. The NGLA Board of Directors were instructed to meet with Jon Clarke and Tanya Ferencak to review the topic suggestions, lay out an agenda, and report back at the February meeting.

Public Invited to be Heard

- The Longmont Educational Summit will be held on March 17th; flyers for the event were distributed and will be mailed as well.
- The members were advised that if and when anyone learns of a sex offender living in their neighborhood, they tell others to get the details from the Police Department, but that they not provide names and details to their neighbors.

By motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George C. Nowell, Secretary