

Longmont Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
March 15, 2007
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:00 p.m.
Meeting agenda: motioned & approved, with addition of elections
Meeting minutes (2/15/07): motioned & approved

Election of NGLA Officers — By motions duly made and seconded, the members elected George Nowell to serve as NGLA Secretary, Jennifer Hakanson to serve as NGLA Vice Chairman, and Mark Lowe to serve as NGLA Chairman, until March 2008.

Discussion of Public Safety Tax passage — The group heard from Longmont Police Department Commander Paul Zuber, Tom Montoya, with the Longmont Fire Department, Louie Lopez, with City of Longmont Children and Youth Resources, and Kay Armstrong, Community Volunteer Program Coordinator for the Police Department, regarding the benefits deriving from voter passage of the Public Safety Tax proposal on last November's ballot.

Paul Zuber reported that passage of the proposal has enabled the Police Department to hire additional officers for gang suppression, emergency and routine response, and for other purposes. Although Longmont's population has increased about 40% since 1996, calls for police service have increased 66% over the same period. The department needs to meet new challenges including sexual predation, Internet fraud, and methamphetamine use, and to take advantage of technical advances in forensics.

Paul also discussed specific hiring projections through 2009.

Tom Montoya reported that passage of the Public Safety Tax proposal will enable the City to:

- ◆ Build a new station at 11th and Terry in 2008. Design/build RFPs were just released.
- ◆ Purchase new equipment for the station, which will be built in 2008 and delivered in 2009.
- ◆ Hire an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. (The City is waiting on a grant from the State of Colorado.)
- ◆ Hire four new ladder truck crew members.

The principal outcome for the Fire Department will be shorter response times. Tom mentioned that the RFPs sent out for the new fire station envision an adaptive re-use of the existing Public Works building at that site.

The phone number for the Fire Prevention Bureau is 303-651-8437. The Bureau is happy to make presentations to neighborhood groups.

Louie Lopez discussed the City's Gang Response Intervention Program (G.R.I.P.), which has just hired two new intervention specialists. Louie hopes to implement early gang involvement prevention in all elementary schools in Longmont. Currently, only Spangler Elementary has a pilot program in place.

Kay Armstrong reported that there are 100 volunteers assisting the Police Department, and their efforts saved the City an estimated \$400,000 last year. She needs more people to help staff the equipment service specialist group, which shuttles police cars to and from the fleet. The three people in that group will be leaving soon for health reasons. Kay also needs a volunteer to meet and greet visitors at the Police Department's front desk.

The Department will be adding to the Citizens Volunteer Patrol.

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Staff Update — Jon Clarke reported that the Longmont Neighborhood Leadership Training program will be conducted this year since enough people signed up for it.

Those interested should plan to attend an NGLA orientation at 7:00 p.m. March 29th at the Senior Center.

Tanya Forencak reported that 60 people attended the HOA training session on March 8th. Three more training sessions are coming up. She passed out a flyer showing dates and topics. Our next meeting will cover how to research our neighborhood's history.

New Business

The group then discussed the Neighborhood Improvement Program grant applications received for 2007. Jon Clark reported that three neighborhood groups that had turned in applications did not turn in ranking sheets, and the Parker Place neighborhood received less than 50% of the available points on the ranking sheets that were submitted.

Fred Esposito moved to enforce our rules and deny grants to the three neighborhoods that failed to turn in ranking sheets. The motion was seconded but failed with 10 in favor and 14 opposed.

By motion duly made and seconded, the members decided to allow the three neighborhoods that had not yet turned in ranking sheets to turn them in no later than March 22, 2007 and have their grant applications funded if they meet the deadline.

By motion duly made and seconded, the members decided to approve and fund the Parker Place neighborhood's application if ranking sheets turned in by March 22, 2007 raise their point total beyond 50% of the points available.

Fred Esposito moved that NGLA rules regarding NIP grants be revised to provide no exceptions to published deadlines, and to provide that all clarification letters be responded to as a requirement for funding, effective 2008. The motion was seconded and carried. Jon Clark mentioned, as part of the discussion on the motion, that only 20 of our 46 member neighborhoods had turned in NIP grant ranking sheets this year.

Public Invited to be Heard

- Thanks to Jon and Tanya for putting together the newsletter.
- Reminder: Education Summit this Saturday.
- Rick Stewart, Bohn Farm, can arrange presentation from Probation Department.

By motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George C. Nowell, Secretary