

Minutes
Longmont Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
June 21, 2007
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:03 p.m.
Meeting agenda: motioned & approved
Meeting minutes (5/17/07): motioned & approved

Discussion: Building Inclusive Neighborhoods & Communities —

- Carmen Ramirez, Karen Roney, City of Longmont Human Resources — Discussed tools to use in neighborhoods. Followed by group discussion on 3 questions.
 1. What brought you to or keeps you living in your neighborhood? (Price / location)
 2. In your neighborhood, what are the issues that concern you the most? (Traffic & safety)
 3. How do we connect and build relationships with people in our neighborhoods? (Saying hello; inviting to organized activities.)
- The Focus on Longmont and the City's strategic plan are both all about neighborhoods and providing building blocks for the community at large. Tools and resources available from City: (see handout from 2003, which formed the basis for the strategic plan.
- Tamales and talk: discover commonalities. Started ~ 3 years ago; about 20 'conversations' so far.
- Discussed "Dialogs on Immigrant Integration"; see handout. How to pull communities together around tough issues. Have had 3 or 4 dialogs in Longmont. Goal is not to change minds but to increase understanding and respect.
- Jon Clarke — referred to demographics handout. Longmont is using 'Lifemode' tapestries. Challenge we all face is making changes. Decide what level of involvement you are willing to accept. We have to discuss information and specify our expectations.
- When you think about being inclusive, think about levels of involvement.
- Community Cultural Event Grants not mentioned in handouts. Talk to Carmen about these; up to \$1,000.
- Rhythm on the River will be very multicultural this year.
- Summer concert series
- Lots of opportunities to get involved.

Police Updates — Longmont Police Department Cmdr. Paul Zuber told the group that crime in the city, overall, is still going down, but domestic violence was up 30% and drug offenses were up 100%. Graffiti was down 76%. The situation a 2404 Sunset was a unique anomaly, which no one in the department had ever seen before. Handling the situation has been a learning process.

Staff Updates — By motion duly made and seconded, the NGLA agreed to fund round 3 of the Neighborhood Activities Grant Requests program. Tanya discussed the Longmont Guide to Neighborhoods. She has received several write-ups and will accept more.

By motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George C. Nowell, Secretary