

Minutes
Longmont Neighborhood Group Leaders Association
February 21, 2008
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:02 p.m.
Meeting agenda: motioned & approved
Meeting minutes (1/18/08): motioned & approved with one correction (Melinda Yale lives in The Meadows.) Note that no business was transacted at the December '07 meeting, so no minutes were prepared for that meeting.

Mark Lowe announced that Jennifer Hakanson was not present due to her having had a baby the week prior. Eric Alexander Hakanson was 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 20" long at birth.

Police Updates — Longmont Police Department Commander Paul Zuber reported that the department has a new crime analyst, and mentioned that all statistics were up for December year-to-year. This can largely be explained by the fact that we were snowed in a year ago. The good news is that all crime statistics for the city for October through December were down compared to the previous quarter.

Calls to the police from citizens really do help, since the police catch more criminals that way.

The members present had a lengthy discussion with Cmdr. Zuber regarding citizen rights and responsibilities concerning registered sex offenders in their neighborhoods. Can we distribute flyers, etc.? Cmdr. Zuber strongly recommended getting documentation from the City and the State of Colorado first, in order to minimize our liabilities.

Staff Updates — In Jon Clarke's absence, Teresa Duffin reported that the Longmont Neighborhood Leadership Program application deadline is March 21st. There will be a Neighborhood Beat Program presentation at Spangler Elementary School on March 26th from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. The presentation will include a Tamales and Talk. Churches in Longmont are organizing work crews to do free home repairs for qualifying homeowners in July and August. Call Teresa for details.

Mark Lowe reminded the members to turn in their neighborhoods' NGLA registration forms. He mentioned that there would be an NGLA orientation on February 28th, 7:00 p.m., at the Longmont Senior Center. A Tamales and Talk will precede the March NGLA meeting, and elections of 2008-2009 NGLA officers will be on the agenda.

Mark distributed a flyer promoting Longmont's HOPE (Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement) program.

Guest Presentations —

Kathy Fedler, CDBG Coordinator for the City of Longmont, spoke about the home foreclosure picture. She wants to increase the level of communication between the City and the public on this topic, and she mentioned that there are several programs available that provide counseling for homeowners facing foreclosure. Getting counseling early in the process is key. Her department will be funding research to determine what the foreclosure risk factors are.

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Brad Schol, Longmont's Planning and Development Services Director, together with Principal Planner Joni Marsh and Transportation Coordinator Phil Greenwald, updated the members on what's going on in their departments. Phil showed Longmont and 'Longmont and Weld County Coordinated' comprehensive plan maps and pointed out the location of ongoing building projects. Joni pointed out that an active development log is available on the City's website.

Phil Greenwald discussed the RTD FasTracks program's impacts on Longmont. FasTracks will connect Boulder with Longmont, using the flourmill at 1st and Terry as its focus. Phil does not foresee surrounding the flourmill terminal with acres of asphalt, but rather redeveloping the surrounding area to provide distributed parking and other amenities. Several members took issue with this concept and expressed their concerns with the increased train traffic and attendant noise that FasTracks will bring to Longmont unless major changes are made. Phil stated that he thinks the City may actively pursue 'quietizing' at-grade rail crossings, even though doing so will cost around \$500,000 per intersection.

Public Invited to be Heard — Longmont City Council Member Sarah Levison reported that the Council would be meeting with the Weld County Commissioners March 4th at the Senior Center.

By motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George C. Nowell".

George C. Nowell, Secretary