

**Minutes**  
Longmont Neighborhood Group Leaders Association  
March 20, 2008  
Longmont Senior Center

Meeting was called to order: 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Mark Lowe  
Meeting agenda: motioned & approved  
Meeting minutes (2/21/08): motioned & approved

**Staff Updates** — Jon Clarke requested that all neighborhoods get their NGLA registrations turned in by the end of March and mentioned that registration for the Longmont Neighborhood Leadership Program had been extended to March 27<sup>th</sup> since only 12 people had registered so far.

Jon then discussed the status of the NIP grant request program and distributed spreadsheets detailing which neighborhoods' grant requests had been approved and would be eligible for funding by the Longmont City Council. 59% of the tally sheets were turned in, and one neighborhood that had made a grant request was disqualified for a grant since they didn't turn in their tally sheet.

In answer to a question about whether some requests below the 'green line' could be approved, Jon observed that this would be possible only if one or more neighborhoods above the line reduced the amount(s) they were requesting.

By motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the members agreed to establish a sub-committee to review NIP grant request standards and practices prior to the next grant cycle, to have the sub-committee report back to NGLA at either the September or October 2008 meeting with their recommendations, and to have Chairman Mark Lowe appoint 5 people to the sub-committee from volunteers present at the meeting. Marietta Gonzales, Darcy Louie, Pat Smith, Fred Esposito, and Jennifer Hakanson volunteered and were duly appointed.

Jennifer suggested that all members email their suggestions for consideration by the sub-committee to Jon Clarke. Jon said he would mail out copies of the current guidelines to all NGLA representatives.

By motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the members approved 11 grant requests totaling \$50,094.50 and requested that Jon Clarke and Mark Lowe present these grant requests to the Longmont City Council for funding in 2008.

**NGLA Elections** — By nominations duly made, seconded, and carried, the members elected George Nowell to serve as Secretary, Gerald Kreutzer to serve as Vice Chairman, and Mark Lowe to serve as Chairman of the NGLA until March 2009.

**Public Invited To Be Heard** — Teresa Duffin discussed the Tamales & Talk session that had immediately preceded the meeting. She said the session had gone well and encouraged the members to organize T & T sessions in their own neighborhoods. The next City-sponsored T & T will be at Spangler Elementary School on March 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m., and Teresa encouraged all present to attend. Teresa also invited all present to attend the CDGB/Affordable Housing & Community Neighborhood Resources Open House scheduled for 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Center.

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Longmont City Council member Sarah Levison observed that the City's budget is tight and encouraged all present to talk to the other Council members about the NIP grants and to show up for Mark and Jon's presentation to the Council.

**Non-Profit Fair** — Representatives of non-profit groups in the Longmont area addressed the meeting, by invitation.

- **St. Vrain Family Center** — Terry Duffin, S.A.F.E. Services Coordinator, reported that the Family Center provides the building blocks for healthy families through educational opportunities, supportive services, and resources in a safe and nurturing environment.  
**[www.stvrainfamilycenter.org](http://www.stvrainfamilycenter.org) 303-776-5348**
- **Alternatives for Youth (AFY)** — Alexa Behmer reported that AFY promotes academic persistence and success of youth by instilling values that lead to positive choices and positive community impact and by encouraging social, cultural, and self development.  
**[www.alternativesforyouth.org](http://www.alternativesforyouth.org) 303-776-8184**
- **Longmont Teen Clinic / Boulder Valley Women's Health Center** — Helen Everett reported that the Longmont Teen Clinic offers specialized programs to serve youth and to support those who work with them. The Boulder Valley Women's Health Clinic provides quality medical care for every woman in an environment that preserves a woman's dignity and confidentiality.  
**[www.teenclinic.org](http://www.teenclinic.org) 303-440-9320 / [www.bvwhc.org](http://www.bvwhc.org) 303-442-5160**
- **Homeless Outreach Providing Encouragement (HOPE)** — Bray Patrick-Lake reported that HOPE's mission is to provide the homeless of Longmont with life-sustaining support and encouragement, to educate the homeless about presently existing social services, and to provide appropriate service referrals. HOPE conducts a street outreach program Sunday through Saturday nights from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. during the winter. **[hopeforlongmont.org](http://hopeforlongmont.org) 303-819-4584**
- **Boulder County Legal Services (BCLS)**— Ray Hockedy reported that BCLS is an office of Colorado Legal Services whose goal is to provide low-income and elderly residents with meaningful access to high-quality legal advice and representation.  
**[www.coloradolegalservices.org](http://www.coloradolegalservices.org) 303-449-7575**
- **"I Have a Dream" Foundation** — Nick Garrard discussed the Foundation's ongoing efforts to help low-income youth achieve a brighter future. In affluent Boulder County, there are "invisible", impoverished communities whose young people face tremendous obstacles to academic and life success. **[www.ihadboulder.org](http://www.ihadboulder.org) 303-444-3636**
- **Audio Information Network of Colorado** — Kim Ann Wardlow introduced the members to her organization's efforts to provide reading services for Colorado's blind, visually impaired and print handicapped citizens. **[aincolorado.org](http://aincolorado.org) 303-786-7777 X 112**

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- **OUR Center** — Edwina Salazar Waldrip updated the members on OUR Center's new and ongoing initiatives. **[www.ourcenter.org](http://www.ourcenter.org) 303-772-5529**
- **Relay For Life, American Cancer Society** — Tracy Jane Weidel, Community Relationship Manager, handed out a flyer with information about the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Relay for Life of Longmont, which will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Roosevelt Park.  
**[www.events.cancer.org/rflLONGMONTco](http://www.events.cancer.org/rflLONGMONTco) 303-652-4941 or 303-776-2689**
- **Longmont Children's Council** — Sandy Tams reported that Longmont Children's Council is the Grantee for the Longmont area Head Start Program. Longmont Children's Council serves 181 students in 11 half-day preschool classes located in several locations in Longmont.  
**[longmontchildrenscouncil.org](http://longmontchildrenscouncil.org) 303-776-8523**
- **RSVP of Boulder County** — Shochet Mischo, Volunteer Director, reported that since 1971, RSVP has been synonymous with volunteerism for people 55 and older.  
**[rsvpboulder.org](http://rsvpboulder.org) 303-772-2262**
- **Special Transit** — Jon Swanson introduced the members to Special Transit, whose mission is to promote independence and self-sufficiency for people with limited mobility by providing caring, customer-focused transportation options. **[www.specialtransit.org](http://www.specialtransit.org) 303-447-2848**
- **YMCA of Longmont** — Barb McGaughey spoke about the YMCA's upcoming spring and summer programs. **[longmontymca.org](http://longmontymca.org) 303-776-0370**

**By motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.** The members then visited with each of the non-profit organization presenters at tables set up around the room until approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



George C. Nowell, Secretary